

WORSHIP SERVICE CONGREGATION

July 5, 2020

We will share the Lord's Table this morning, so we invite you to gather your juice and bread and have them ready for that time in the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who thirst for grace.

Come, you who hunger for righteousness.

Come, you who feel like strangers and you who are like a child at home.

Come, both doubters and believers.

Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time.

We have come to worship the Living God.

Then let us worship well.

PRAYER

HYMN

God of the Ages, History's Maker

God of the ages, history's Maker,
Planning our pathway, holding us fast,
Shaping in mercy, all that concerns us;
Father, we praise You, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly Your children,
Worship before You, trustingly bow;
Tach us to know You, always among us,
Quietly sovereign, Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong overcomer,
Princes of darkness own Your command;
What then can harm us? We are Your people,
Now and forever kept by Your hand.

HYMN # 3 Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

GIVING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

“And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Cor. 9:8

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN # 489 Pass Me Not
Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou are calling, do not pass me by.

SCRIPTURE READING I Kings 19: 1- 18

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might

die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

REFLECTION

Elijah and the Still, Small Voice

HYMN # 305

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength, indeed, is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change a leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

SHARING THE LORD'S TABLE

BENEDICTION Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.