

# Worshiping Jesus, in Whom We Gain Eternal Life!

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**PRELUDE** *Cantabile* César Franck  
Dennis Bergin, organ

## **WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying*  
Sanctuary Choir

Wake, awake, for night is flying; the watchmen on the heights are crying:  
Awake, Jerusalem, at last! Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices; come forth, ye virgins, night is past;  
The Bridegroom comes, awake; Your lamps with gladness take;  
Alleluia! And for His marriage feast prepare for ye must go and meet Him there.

Ah, come, thou blessed Lord, O Jesus, Son of God, alleluia!  
We follow till the halls we see where thou hast bid us sup with thee.

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Romans 13:11-12

Pastor: [You] know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.

**People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.**

Pastor: The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of  
darkness and put on the armor of light.

**People: Alleluia! Let Us Worship God!**

**\*TRUE LIGHT! NO. 411** *Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord*

Kyrstan Brantley, Aidan George, Belle George, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano;  
Matt Brantley, bass; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar; Greg Wagener, drums

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Romans 3:24

And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**\*GREATEST TREASURE OF MY LONGING SOUL!**

*O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer*

O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, great-est trea-sure of my long-ing  
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, strong de-fend-er of my wea-ry  
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, gra-cious Sav-ior of my ru-ined

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soul, heart, life, my God, my sword, my guilt, like You to fight and cross, there is the cruel laid on, no other de-cciv-ers, True de-and my in my

7  
light shield place is a-gainst You suf-fered, in You hate-ful, a-lone, bleed, and died. Your grace, My song, You rose, a well the grace and death to deep to sur-are

10  
fath-om, joy con- quered. Your love My hope You broke ex-ceeds when my the heav-ens' of sor- row and sin reach; rise, and shame. Your my O

13  
truth, joy Lord, a when my tri- als are my Rock and my per-fect a bound-ing, wis- dom my Re-deem-er, my high-est good, Your faith-ful-ness, may all my days and my un-end-ing need, my re-fuge in the night, bring glo-ry to Your Name

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**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH** Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 32

Pastor: What do the Scriptures teach on the State of Man After Death and the Resurrection of the Dead?

**People: The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption; but their souls (which neither die nor sleep), having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them.**

Pastor: The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies; and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day.

**People: Besides these two places for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledgeth none.**

Pastor: At the last day, such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed: and all the dead shall be raised up with the self-same bodies, and none other, although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever.

**People: The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor; the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor, and be made conformable to His own glorious body.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Psalm 28:6-7

Dan Marcotte, Elder

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP** Psalm 24:1-2

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

## **WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS**

### **WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD** *And Can It Be?*

Middle School & High School Choir; Sanctuary Choir

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?  
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!  
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be? Amazing love!

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**Children's Church - Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st Grade, Room 207** Children & Teachers please come forward **AFTER** the Offertory. **Parents, please accompany your child to register them for their first visit.**

<b>GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD</b>	Nathan Reddick, Elder & Pastoral Intern
<b>SERMON SERIES</b>	"1 Corinthians"
<b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>	1 Corinthians 15:29-34   page 961 in the pew Bible
<b>SERMON TITLE</b>	<i>Resurrection or Vanity?</i>

**\*HE SUMMONS THE EARTH** **No. 316** *The Mighty God, the Lord*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Reprise: *The Mighty God, the Lord*

## ***Resurrection or Vanity?***

Nathan Reddick, Elder & Pastoral Intern

1 Corinthians 15:29-34 | page 961 in the pew Bible

What does it matter if the dead are raised?

1. If the dead are not raised, life is meaningless

2. If the dead are raised, life has invaluable meaning

\*Congregation please rise

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