

Worshiping God, Who Rules from Heaven!

PRELUDE *O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde gross (O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin)* J. S. Bach
Dennis Bergin, organ

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood ... Romans 3:23-25a. (KJV)

WELCOME

Reverend David Barnes, Senior Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted*
Kyrstan Brantley, Belle George, Jack St. John, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano;
Matt Brantley, bass; Jeffrey Heyl, Ariana Stout, guitar; Ian Nolting, drums

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted, through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

Sweet as home to pilgrim's weary, light to newly opened eyes,
Or full springs in deserts dreary is the rest the cross supplies:
All who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 103:15-22

Josiah Kaniarz, Director of Discipleship Ministries

Pastor: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field.

People: **For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.**

Pastor: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.

People: **And his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

Pastor: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: **Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!**

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

People: **Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.**

All: **Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

***MARCHING TO FAIRER WORLDS ON HIGH NO. 76** *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED John 3:1-12

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED John 3:13-15

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

***THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST NO. 541** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Revelation 21:4

Nathan Reddick, Elder

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Matthew 6:19-20

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *I Can Only Imagine*

Kyrstan Brantley, Belle George, Jack St. John, vocals

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine, when that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine When all I will do Is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD	Reverend David Barnes, Senior Pastor
SERMON SERIES	"The Roles and Realms of God"
SCRIPTURE TEXT	Selected Passages
SERMON TITLE	<i>The Realm of Heaven</i>

***LET THE PEOPLE OF ZION BE GLAD IN THEIR KING NO. 700** *Come We That Love the Lord*

GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

WE FEED ON CHRIST BY FAITH
Congregation

BREAD NO. 427 *Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*

CUP NO. 420 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Note: Wine is in the outer ring, grape juice is in the inner three rings

***THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And
3. No o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
4. When chill - ing winds nor pois - 'nous breath, Can
 I reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To
one e - ter - nal day There
reach that health - ful shore, Where
be for - ev - er blessed?

Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, Where
God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, And
Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are
shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And

my pos - ses - sions lie 2. All I am
scat - ters night a - way. more. rest?
felt and feared no - rest?
in his bos - om

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land

3. No
4. When

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Reprise: *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

The Realm of Heaven

Reverend David Barnes, Senior Pastor

Selected Passages

What is heaven?

The spiritual realm from where God rules

The spiritual reality of how the Christian lives

The eventual residence of God and the Christian

*Congregation please rise

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