

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 17, 2011

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

“We come to praise God’s faithfulness”

Prelude

Work of the Church

Rev. England Cole

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Surely the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

All creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

We groan inwardly as we wait;

And as we wait we hope for what we do not see.

As we wait and hope, let us worship together.

Acolyte Greeting

Dylan Kreutzer

*This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

*Hymn #54

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

David Kreutzer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN.

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures, here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

“To listen for God’s guidance”

A Litany From Psalm 8 & The Writings of Viktor Frankl

Love is the ultimate and highest goal to which man can aspire...

The salvation of man is through love and in love... Love goes very far beyond the physical person of the beloved. It finds its deepest meaning in his spiritual being, his inner self.

O Lord, when I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established...

Man can preserve a vestige of spiritual freedom, of independence of mind, even in terrible conditions... Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way... It is this spiritual freedom – which cannot be taken away – that makes life meaningful and purposeful.

What are human beings that you, O Lord, are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

It is a peculiarity of man that he can only live by looking to the future... The prisoner who had lost faith in the future – his future – was doomed... Any attempt to restore a man’s inner strength in the camp had first to succeed in showing him some future goal. Nietzsche’s words, ‘He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how,’ could be the guiding motto... regarding prisoners.

Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels, and crowned them with glory and honor.

Man is ultimately self-determining. In the concentration camps... we watched and witnessed some of our comrades behave like swine while others behaved like saints. Man has both potentialities within himself; which one is actualized depends on decisions but not on conditions.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands, put all things under their feet.

If there is a meaning in life at all, then there must be a meaning in suffering... The way in which a man accepts his fate and all the suffering it entails, the way in which he takes up his cross, give him ample opportunity... to add a deeper meaning to his life.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Man is that being who has invented the gas chambers of Auschwitz; however, he is also that being who has entered those gas chambers upright, with the Lord’s Prayer or the Shema Yisrael on his lips.

What are human beings that you, O Lord, are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Chorus

“O Lord Hear my Prayer”

Taize

Morning Prayer

Dr. Moore

Chorus

“O Lord Hear my Prayer”

Taize

*Hymn #484

“Higher Ground”

HIGHER GROUND

Offertory & Offering

*Doxology

Praise God the Source of life and birth.

Praise God the Word, who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.

All glory, honor to God’s name! Amen.

“To proclaim God’s word”

Solo

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Mark Cole

Scripture Reading NT #198

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon

“Whose Race Are You Running”

Dr. Moore

“To respond in faith”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

Vacation Bible School Dedication

Dr. Moore

Pastor: Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow as our children and the children of the community get cooking at Shake It Up Cafe. This morning we recognize those adults and youth who are providing leadership in VBS.

(Leaders come forward)

These persons are dedicating themselves to teaching our children about God's promises and how special each of us is to God. They are dedicating themselves to build relationships with children and to extend hospitality, acceptance, and nurture.

All: Thank you for the important role you are playing in the ministry to the children of our church. We give thanks that God has given you such talent and the desire to share your gifts with others.

VBS Leaders: We ask you to pray for us as we seek God's help; we ask you to pray for all those persons whose lives will be touched.

Pastor: We also ask you to help us extend an invitation to neighbors and friends to join us at Bible School.

All: Gracious God, thank you for these persons you have called to your service. Help them be a blessing to all who take part in our VBS program. And help us to be willing supporters. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Commitment

*Hymn #72 "I Will Not Be Afraid" UNAFRAID

*Benediction

Postlude

* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Abby Shepard-Moore, Dylan Kreutzer, and Jackson Hawkins.

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The Call to Worship comes from *Flames of the Spirit* by Ruth Duck.

- Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow, July 18th! VBS is from 9AM-12PM Monday – Friday, July 18-22. Registration forms are available in the church office.
- All Adult Leaders and Youth Apprentice Leaders of VBS are invited for a snack supper and planning meeting on July 17 at 5PM. This meeting is mandatory for Youth Apprentice Leaders.
- A Church Conference and Town Hall Discussion of the Miller House will take place following worship on July 24th.
- Deacons meet July 24th at 6PM.
- All Boards meet July 24th at 5PM.
- Missions Committee meets July 31st following worship.

Sardis Baptist Church Worship Staff

Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;
Pam Greenwood, minister of music;
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*The meaning of life differs from man to man, from day to day and from hour to hour. What matters, therefore, is not the meaning of life in general but rather the specific meaning of a person's life at a given moment... We can discover this meaning in life in three different ways: by our deeds, by love and by suffering.
-from Man's Search for Meaning
by Viktor Frankl*


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