



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

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Worship Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

Isaiah 44:6-8

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LEADER: Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

PEOPLE: Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

ALL: Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Worship in Song

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O LORD MY GOD WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER
CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS THY HANDS HAVE MADE
I SEE THE STARS I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER
THY POW'R THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED

THEN SINGS MY SOUL MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART HOW GREAT THOU ART
THEN SINGS MY SOUL MY SAVIOR GOD TO THEE
HOW GREAT THOU ART HOW GREAT THOU ART

AND WHEN I THINK THAT GOD HIS SON NOT SPARING
SENT HIM TO DIE I SCARCE CAN TAKE IT IN

THAT ON THE CROSS MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING
HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN

WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME WITH SHOUT OF ACCLAMATION
AND TAKE ME HOME WHAT JOY SHALL FILL MY HEART
THEN I SHALL BOW IN HUMBLE ADORATION
AND THERE PROCLAIM MY GOD HOW GREAT THOU ART

HIS MERCY IS MORE

WHAT LOVE COULD REMEMBER NO WRONGS WE HAVE DONE
OMNISCIENT, ALL KNOWING, HE COUNTS NOT THEIR SUM
THROWN INTO A SEA WITHOUT BOTTOM OR SHORE
OUR SINS THEY ARE MANY, HIS MERCY IS MORE

WHAT PATIENCE WOULD WAIT AS WE CONSTANTLY ROAM
WHAT FATHER, SO TENDER, IS CALLING US HOME
HE WELCOMES THE WEAKEST, THE VILEST, THE POOR
OUR SINS THEY ARE MANY, HIS MERCY IS MORE

PRAISE THE LORD
HIS MERCY IS MORE
STRONGER THAN DARKNESS, NEW EVERY MORN
OUR SINS THEY ARE MANY, HIS MERCY IS MORE

WHAT RICHES OF KINDNESS HE LAVISHED ON US
HIS BLOOD WAS THE PAYMENT, HIS LIFE WAS THE COST
WE STOOD 'NEATH A DEBT WE COULD NEVER AFFORD
OUR SINS THEY ARE MANY, HIS MERCY IS MORE

O PRAISE THE NAME (ANÁSTASIS)

I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY
WHERE JESUS BLED AND DIED FOR ME
I SEE HIS WOUNDS HIS HANDS HIS FEET
MY SAVIOR ON THAT CURSED TREE

HIS BODY BOUND AND DRENCHED IN TEARS
THEY LAID HIM DOWN IN JOSEPH'S TOMB
THE ENTRANCE SEALED BY HEAVY STONE
MESSIAH STILL AND ALL ALONE

O PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD
O PRAISE HIS NAME FOREVERMORE
FOR ENDLESS DAYS WE WILL SING YOUR PRAISE

OH LORD OH LORD OUR GOD

THEN ON THE THIRD AT BREAK OF DAWN
THE SON OF HEAVEN ROSE AGAIN
O TRAMPLED DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING
THE ANGELS ROAR FOR CHRIST THE KING

HE SHALL RETURN IN ROBES OF WHITE
THE BLAZING SUN SHALL PIERCE THE NIGHT
AND I WILL RISE AMONG THE SAINTS
MY GAZE TRANSFIXED ON JESUS' FACE

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

Giving

Pastoral Intern Felipe Heringer

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Scripture Reading

Pastor Josh Creason

Acts 22:22-23:22

Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. But when they had stretched him out for the whips,[d] Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen." So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." 28 The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth." So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set

him before them.

And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day." And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.

The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him." So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, "Paul

the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you." The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?" And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent." So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, "Tell no one that you have informed me of these things.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Josh Creason

Courageous Witness

Thriving Church

Acts 22:22-23:22

1. God Orchestrates Care for His People (22:22-29)
2. God Works Repentance in His People (22:30-23:5)
3. God Speaks through His People (23:6-9)
4. God Is with His People (23:10-11)
5. God Thwarts the Plans of His Enemies (23:12-22)

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 20

Question 20: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

ALL: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Lord's Supper

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Song of Response

THIS I BELIEVE

OUR FATHER EVERLASTING, THE ALL CREATING ONE
GOD ALMIGHTY
THROUGH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
CONCEIVING CHRIST THE SON
JESUS OUR SAVIOR

I BELIEVE IN GOD OUR FATHER
I BELIEVE IN CHRIST THE SON
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
OUR GOD IS THREE IN ONE
I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION
THAT WE WILL RISE AGAIN
FOR I BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

OUR JUDGE AND OUR DEFENDER
SUFFERED AND CRUCIFIED
FORGIVENESS IS IN YOU
DESCENDED INTO DARKNESS
YOU ROSE IN GLORIOUS LIFE
FOREVER SEATED HIGH

FOR I BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

I BELIEVE IN YOU
I BELIEVE YOU ROSE AGAIN
I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

I BELIEVE IN LIFE ETERNAL
I BELIEVE IN THE VIRGIN BIRTH
I BELIEVE IN THE SAINT'S COMMUNION
AND IN YOUR HOLY CHURCH
I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION
WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN
FOR I BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Benediction

Pastor Dean Faulkner