



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Worship Service

Welcome

Bethany LaShell

Call to Worship

Pastoral Intern Rob Jones

Psalm 16:7-11

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

All: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

Worship in Song

LAY ME DOWN

WITH THIS HEART OPEN WIDE
FROM THE DEPTHS FROM THE HEIGHTS
I WILL BRING A SACRIFICE
WITH THESE HANDS LIFTED HIGH
HEAR MY SONG, HEAR MY CRY
I WILL BRING A SACRIFICE
I WILL BRING A SACRIFICE

I LAY ME DOWN I'M NOT MY OWN
I BELONG TO YOU ALONE
LAY ME DOWN, LAY ME DOWN
HAND ON MY HEART THIS MUCH IS TRUE

THERE'S NO LIFE APART FROM YOU
LAY ME DOWN, LAY ME DOWN

LAY ME DOWN, LAY ME DOWN

LETTING GO OF MY PRIDE
GIVING UP ALL MY RIGHTS
TAKE THIS LIFE AND LET IT SHINE
TAKE THIS LIFE AND LET IT SHINE

IT WILL BE MY JOY TO SAY
YOUR WILL YOUR WAY

IT WILL BE MY JOY TO SAY
YOUR WILL YOUR WAY

IT WILL BE MY JOY TO SAY
YOUR WILL YOUR WAY ALWAYS

TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD
YOUR WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET
YOUR WAY IS THE ONLY WAY FOR ME
IT'S A NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE
BUT I WANNA BE ON IT
IT'S A NARROW ROAD, BUT THE MERCY'S WIDE
'CAUSE YOU'RE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISE

I'LL TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD
IF YOU SAID IT, I'LL BELIEVE IT
I'VE SEEN HOW GOOD IT WORKS
IF YOU START IT, YOU'LL COMPLETE IT
I'LL TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD

OH, YOU SPOKE AND THE CHAOS FELL IN LINE
OH, I KNOW 'CAUSE I'VE SEEN IT IN MY LIFE
IT'S A NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE
BUT I WANT TO BE ON IT, YEAH
IT'S A NARROW ROAD AND THE TIDE IS HIGH
BUT YOU'RE PARTIN' THE WATER

YOU SAID YOUR LOVE WILL NEVER GIVE UP
YOU SAID YOUR GRACE IS ALWAYS ENOUGH
YOU SAID YOUR HEART WOULD NEVER FORGET OR FORSAKE ME

OH, YOU SAID I'M SAVED, YOU CALL ME YOURS
YOU SAID MY FUTURE'S FULL OF YOUR HOPE
YOU'VE NEVER FAILED, SO I KNOW THAT YOU'LL NEVER FAIL ME

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER
THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE
THOU CHANGEST NOT, THY COMPASSIONS THEY FAIL NOT
AS THOU HAST BEEN, THOU FOREVER WILT BE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! GREAT IS THY
FAITHFULNESS!
MORNING BY MORNING, NEW MERCIES I SEE
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME

SUMMER AND WINTER, SPRINGTIME AND HARVEST
SUN, MOON AND STARS IN THEIR COURSES ABOVE
JOIN WITH ALL NATURE IN MANIFOLD WITNESS
TO THY GREAT FAITHFULNESS, MERCY AND LOVE

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH
THY OWN DEAR PRESENCE TO CHEER AND TO GUIDE
STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR
TOMORROW
BLESSINGS ALL MINE, WITH TEN THOUSAND BESIDE

Community Update

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Pastoral Prayer

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Scripture Reading

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Acts 26:1-11

So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself."
Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

"My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?"

"I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Josh Creason

Christ's Subversive Glory in Trouble

Thriving Church

Acts 25:1-26:11

1. Christ the King Protects Paul with an Appeal to Caesar (25:1-12)
2. Christ the King Proves Paul again through the Maneuvering of Men (25:13-27)
3. Christ the King Propagates Hope in the Resurrection before the Rulers of the World (26:1-11)

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:1-5)

*Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 4:25-25 [Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Lord's Supper

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Song of Response

FROM THE INSIDE OUT
A THOUSAND TIMES I'VE FAILED
STILL YOUR MERCY REMAINS
SHOULD I STUMBLE AGAIN
STILL I'M CAUGHT IN YOUR GRACE EVERLASTING
YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE WHEN ALL ELSE FADES
NEVER ENDING
YOUR GLORY GOES BEYOND ALL FAME

YOUR WILL ABOVE ALL ELSE
MY PURPOSE REMAINS
THE ART OF LOSING MYSELF
IN BRINGING YOU PRAISE
EVERLASTING
YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE WHEN ALL ELSE FADES
NEVER ENDING
YOUR GLORY GOES BEYOND ALL FAME

IN MY HEART AND MY SOUL
LORD I GIVE YOU CONTROL
CONSUME ME FROM THE INSIDE OUT LORD
LET JUSTICE AND PRAISE

BECOME MY EMBRACE
TO LOVE YOU FROM THE INSIDE OUT

EVERLASTING
YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE WHEN ALL ELSE FADES
NEVER ENDING
YOUR GLORY GOES BEYOND ALL FAME
AND THE CRY OF MY HEART
IS TO BRING YOU PRAISE
FROM THE INSIDE OUT
LORD MY SOUL CRIES OUT

FROM THE INSIDE OUT LORD MY SOUL CRIES OUT

Benediction

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