

**Order of Worship**  
**Morning Worship**  
**March 21, 2021**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 46:1-3

**Hymn #40 – God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and our strength,  
our ever-present aid,  
and therefore though the earth remove,  
we will not be afraid;  
though hills amidst the seas be cast,  
though foaming waters roar,  
yea, though the mighty billows shake  
the mountains on the shore.

<sup>2</sup>A river flows whose streams make glad  
the city of our God,  
the holy place wherein the Lord  
Most High has his abode.  
Since God is in the midst of her,  
unmoved her walls shall stand,  
for God will be her early help,  
when trouble is at hand.

<sup>3</sup>The nations raged, the kingdoms moved,  
but when his voice was heard,  
the troubled earth was stilled to peace  
before his mighty word.  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side,  
our safety to secure;  
the God of Jacob is for us  
a refuge strong and sure.

<sup>4</sup>O come, behold what wondrous works  
Jehovah's hand has wrought;  
come, see what desolation great  
he on the earth has brought.  
To utmost ends of all the earth  
he causes war to cease;  
the weapons of the strong destroyed,  
he makes abiding peace.

<sup>5</sup>"Be still and know that I am God,  
o'er all exalted high;  
the subject nations of the earth  
my name shall magnify."  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side,  
our safety to secure,  
the God of Jacob is for us  
a refuge strong and sure.

**Invocation**

**Confession of Sin:** (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;

and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Colossians 2:13-14

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 16:1-12

**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.

**Responsive Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 72:1-19, pp. 810-11**

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.**

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

In his days the righteous will flourish, prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

**He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him;**

the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

**All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.**

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

**Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him.**

May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

**Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway.**

Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.

**May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.**

All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

**Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.**

Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Amen and Amen.**

### **Hymn #441 – Jesus Shall Reign**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

<sup>2</sup> To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

<sup>3</sup> People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

<sup>4</sup> Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

<sup>5</sup> Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn #254 – Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed**

<sup>1</sup> Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for such a worm as I!

<sup>2</sup> Was it for crimes that I had done  
he groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

<sup>3</sup> Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
and shut his glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
for man the creature's sin.

<sup>5</sup> But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'tis all that I can do.

<sup>4</sup> Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt mine eyes in tears.

## **Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made;  
Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe in one catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 3:20-32

**Title:** The Lord and the Land

**Sermon Outline**

I. A Land Polluted (20-24)

A. The Purpose

B. The Purpose

II. A Land of Worship (25-27)

A. Pharaoh's offer

B. Moses' refusal

III. A Land Purified (28-32)

A. Warning

B. Wonder

## Hymn #119 – I Sing the Almighty Power of God

<sup>1</sup> I sing th'almighty pow'r of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command  
and all the stars obey.

<sup>2</sup> I sing the goodness of the Lord  
that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn mine eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread  
or gaze upon the sky!

<sup>3</sup> There's not a plant or flow'r below  
but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow,  
by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you  
is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that man can be,  
you, God, are present there.

### Benediction

#### The Response of God's People Sung:

*May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.*

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