



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

March 29, 2020

Reflection

The Christian thinks his weaknesses are his greatest hindrance in the life and service of God; God tells us that it is the secret of strength and success.

— Andrew Murray

Call to Worship — Psalm 139:7-8; 13-14; 23-24

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there...

¹³ For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well...

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn — Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus, what a friend for sinners

Jesus, lover of my soul

Friends may fail me, foes assail me

He, my Savior, makes me whole

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving

He is with me to the end

Jesus, what a strength in weakness

Let me hide myself in him

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!

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He is with me to the end

Jesus, I do now receive him

More than all in him I find

He hath granted me forgiveness

I am his, and he is mine

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!

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Prayer of Confession (to be prayed in unison)

All: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor.

Strengthen our faith and trust in you.

We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us.

We are weak in faith; strengthen us.

We are cold in love; warm us.

Make our hearts fervent for you, that your love may go out through us to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confessional Response — Give Me Jesus

O, when I am alone

O, when I am alone

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus

You may have all this world, give me Jesus

In the morning when I rise

In the morning when I rise

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus

You may have all this world, give me Jesus

O, when I come to die

O, when I come to die

O, when I come to die, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus

You may have all this world, give me Jesus

Prayers of the People (Concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastoral Updates



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Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 12:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

Homily — *Weakness* by Rev. David Bisgrove

Closing Song — *Abide with Me*

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

I need thy presence ev’ry passing hour
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me

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