

The God of Justice

Scripture for Meditation: *Psalms 33:1-5*

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp
of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with
loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done
in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the
steadfast love of the Lord.

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Hymn of Justice: *Immortal, Invisible*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory; pure Father of light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Walter C. Smith, 1824-1908

Hymn of Power: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Refrain:
He shall reign in glory, crowned with grace and might;
Bless His name and praise our sovereign King.
He shall reign forever with His chosen Bride,
And all the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Romans 3:21-28*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be
received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine
forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be
just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By
a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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Offertory Hymn of Dependence: *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

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.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing – this is victory.

May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win.
And may they forget the channel seeing only Him.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Titus 3:5*

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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Hymn of Pardon: *My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

My worth is not in what I own,
Not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,
In win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross.

Refrain:
I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross.

Refrain

Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness,
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross.

Refrain

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Hymn of Mission: *By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

*We will stand as children of the promise!
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward!
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the power of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

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*Children under first grade may leave during this song.

Ministry of the Word

Church Info

Service Times

SUNDAY

9:15 am Family Bible Time
10:00 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:45 am Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Shepherding Groups

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We are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls
down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Martin Luther King