

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 7, 2021

PRELUDE: "The Lone, Wild Bird" Wilbur Held

WELCOME: Rev. Jim Pazan

Call to Worship: Jeannie Cavender, CRE

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Praise Ye The Lord The Almighty"

Marilyn Gross, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him,

for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise ye the Lord,

who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath,

come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

HYMN OF RESPONSE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Marilyn Gross, Kathryn McFadden, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

In the cross of Christ I glory,

Towering o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story

Gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2

When the woes of life o'ertake me,

Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me:

Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3

When the sun of bliss is beaming

Light and love upon my way,

From the cross the radiance streaming

Adds more luster to the day.

Verse 4

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,

By the cross are sanctified;

Peace is there that knows no measure,

Joys that through all time abide.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the

foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

MESSAGE: "The Wilderness Way" Rev. Jim Pazan

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S TABLE

Let Us Break Bread Together Wilbur Held

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

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. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "In Christ Alone"

Spirit Pulse Praise Band: Don Davis, Anne Lawler, Kris Warner

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"
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