

Theme for Worship: Job 19:25

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

Welcome

Announcements

Psalm of Approach – Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: Psalm 130

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

Congregation: O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Pastor: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Congregation: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Congregation: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Congregation: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #2 "O Worship the King"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-15

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

8 Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

9 All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble.

Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true.

10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

12 I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God.

13 Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?”

¹⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.

15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-14

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”

⁷ Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸ But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” ¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” ¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Morning Prayer

Hymn #690 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 21, 22, & 23

Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her yet without sin.

Q. 23. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
19 The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Message: "Blessing the Lord for All that He has Done for Me"

Introduction:

A Psalm of David

A personal call to worship

We Bless the Lord because He Redeems Us from the Pit

v.4a

He redeems your life from the pit

v.7-9

v.10-12

v.15-18

We Bless the Lord because He Crowns Us with Steadfast Love

v.4b

steadfast love:

v.13-14

We Bless the Lord because He Satisfies Us with Good

v.5

v.17-18

v.19

Eph 2:6

Response: v.20-22

Conclusion

Hymn: #598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

NOTES:

Attendance for 10/18 - 9am – 22 10:30am – 100 Streaming – 12
Offering: \$10,425.00 Missions: \$1,425.00

Congratulations to Charity and Ryan Clarke on the birth of Spencer MacKenzie Larson Clarke. He was born on Thursday, October 29 at 12:27pm. He weighed in at 10 pounds 4 ounces and 20 inches long. Spencer joins proud big sisters Honora, Rosalyn & Cecily. Praise the Lord for a healthy birth for mother and son!

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 6 after the second service.

We will simply be voting to re-election those elders and deacons whose terms have finished this year and brief corporate business.

HELP the Deacons help Wheeler Mission! This is a long-standing project that Grace Church has supported over many years. Our goal is to provide 70 Thanksgiving baskets; Wheeler can assemble each basket for \$30. Please memo your check “Thanksgiving Baskets,” and put it in the offering plate. Thank you! We have 28 already.

Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Craciun Fericit! It's Missionary Christmas time!

The Missionary Christmas format will change this year to accommodate COVID concerns and allow participation for all our church family. In prior years, you would select a particular missionary or family member to receive a gift. However, this year the Missionary Committee will email gift cards to our missionaries from monetary contributions from the church family.

If you wish to contribute, please make your check out to Rebekah Tice and indicate on the memo line that it is for the Missionary Christmas. You can give your check to Rebekah, put it in the offering box or mail it to the church. Once all contributions have been received, the monies will be distributed equally among our missionaries. Our goal is to gift at least \$10 to each missionary and family member which would be a total amount of \$390, but we would love to be generous with our gifts and give them more. Contributions can be made during the month of November, ending November 22.

Many missionaries have commented that we are the only church that remembers them in a special way at Christmas time and it is very appreciated. We would like to continue a personal contact this year and it can be done in 2 ways:

1 – Your family can write an email to a particular missionary sharing how your family celebrates Christmas. Send the email to Carla Glasheen at JGlasheen@indy.rr.com and she will forward them. Due to the sensitive locations of some missionaries, their emails can't be published.

2. Your family can make/write a Christmas card to a particular missionary and leave it in the special box in the church foyer. These cards will be scanned and emailed.

Thank you for adjusting to these changes as we seek to support our missionaries this year.

Missionary Update:

Tom & Catalina -

Pray for wisdom as Tom leads many teams around the world and in their local ministry. Much of this has gone virtual for the time being.

Pray for all of their grown children that they might grow in their walk with the Lord and seek Him in their lives.

Pray for Catalina's various ministries that she is involved in locally.

Pray for the church planter's outside work to pick up again since all the COVID-19 restrictions.

MTW 30 Days of Prayer continues. Please find on the link for a printable version: https://www.mtw.org/30-days-of-prayer?utm_source=30+Days+of+Prayer+%E2%80%94+2019&utm_campaign=6121234f8b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_07_02_08_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8221b0fa21-6121234f8b-1248366591

Or via Instagram: @mtwglobal

Women's Hygiene Kits for Wheeler Mission:

We are nearing our goal. We STILL need a few more **full size items** of each of following:

- Shampoo - need 9
- Conditioner – need 11
- Tooth paste – need 12
- Body wash – need 6
- Hair Brush, Pics and Combs (optional)
- Ethnic Hair products (optional & not necessary for all kits)

Boxes will be out in the narthex and by the office entrance to collect supplies until November 16. We are also asking for volunteers to pack the kits during the week of November 16th at church. See sign-up to help. The kits will be delivered to Wheeler the first week of December.

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