

# Worshiping God, the Author of Our Salvation!

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**PRELUDE** *Mein Jesu, der du mich* (My Jesus Leadeth Me) Johannes Brahms  
Dennis Bergin, organ

My Jesus leadeth me immortal joy to see in life eternal.  
See how His chosen one sings praise of God's own Son  
With love eternal.

(Johann Christian Lange, 1669-1756

## **WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Psalm 62: My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone*  
Sanctuary Choir; Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar;  
Greg Wagener, drums

**Congregation, please join on the chorus.**

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,  
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies, like arrows, pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to Him who hears me.

*Chorus:*

**O praise Him, hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing; my Redeemer, my God.**

Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come, and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *Chorus*

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely,  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever. *Chorus*

O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
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**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** 138:1-2, 5b

Nathan Reddick, Elder and Pastoral Intern

**Pastor:** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

**People:** **Before the gods I sing your praise;**

**Pastor:** I bow down toward your holy temple

**People:** **And give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness.**

**Pastor:** For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

**People:** **Great is the glory of the LORD.**

**\*HE IS THE KING OF CREATION! NO. 53** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Kyrstan Brantley, Micah George, Deborah Roby, vocals

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Acts 26:9-11

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I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Acts 26:16b-17a; 22-24

“I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles. To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.” And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.”

**\*JESUS SAVES! NO. 448** *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Isaiah 41:10a

Dwayne Ter Maat, Elder

Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, For I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.

**GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP** John 15:5b, 16a

Apart from me you can do nothing. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.

## **WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS**

### **WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD** *Glorious Is the Lord Almighty* Sanctuary Choir

Glorious is the Lord Almighty, Glorious is the Lord Almighty,  
Glorious is the Lord Almighty, praise Him all ye people.  
Glorious is the Lord Almighty, Glorious is the Lord Almighty,  
Praise and honor to His name.

We magnify Thee, we glorify Thee, Lord.  
Lord, we praise Thee, Lord, we give thanks to Thee,  
Lord, we adore Thee; we glorify Thee, Lord.

Hear Thou our prayer in Thy tender mercies,  
As we thank Thee for all Thy gracious goodness, all Thy goodness, Lord.  
Lord, we do thank Thee for Thy kindness,  
And we praise Thee for Thy greatness, for Thy greatness, Lord.

Glorious is Thy name, Almighty Lord, Glorious is Thy name, Lord,  
Glorious is Thy name, Glory and honor be to Thee forever and ever, Amen.

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**register them for their first visit.**

**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD**    Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**SERMON SERIES**    "1 Corinthians"

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**    1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | page 961 in the pew Bible

**SERMON TITLE**    *The Good News*

**\*FROM DEATH TO LIFE ETERNAL No. 267** *The Day of Resurrection!*

**GOD CONFERS SACRAMENTAL GRACE**

Maximus Diego; son of John and Moré Suermann

**\*WE GIVE HIM ALL THE PRAISE! *Doxology***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Reprise: *The Day of Resurrection!*

## ***The Good News***

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | page 961 in the pew Bible

Since the Good News is preached to you, believe the Good News.

1. The Purpose of the Good News is preached

2. The Proof of the Good News is preached

3. The Power of the Good News is preached

\*Congregation please rise

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