

First Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, April 26, 2020

10:15 Prelude

~ Paul, Sharon, and Emily A

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:1-5*

¹ *Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

² *Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*

³ *Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

⁴ *Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!*

⁵ *Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.*

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes. *Repeat Refrain*

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, and clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!
Sing with me: How Great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, and Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is Our God!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Refrain: How great is our God!
Sing with me: How Great is our God!
All will see how great, how great is our God!

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 32:3-5*

³ *For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.*
⁴ *For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah*
⁵ *I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *Romans 1:16-17*

¹⁶ *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* ¹⁷ *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

Morning Prayer

~ Elder John V, Deacon Lance H

Scripture: *II Samuel 24:1-2, 10, 14-17 (ESV)*

¹ *Again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah."* ² *So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army, who was with him, "Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people."*

¹⁰ *But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O Lord, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly."*

¹⁴ *Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man."*

¹⁵ *So the Lord sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men.* ¹⁶ *And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.*

¹⁷ *Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house."*

Message: *Reflections on Plague and Pestilence*

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies;
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

Offering: Part of worship is giving. The offering this week is for the GEMS Girls Club.
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[At this time we encourage you to continue in home worship. Begin with prayer, taking time to pray for the many needs around us. Google a couple of your favorite hymns or songs, play them on your computer and listen or sing along. Re-read the morning Scripture text and spend some time reflecting on the message and discussing its implications and applications in our life.]