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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for November 15, 2020 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song:**How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Verse 1:

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory

Verse 2:

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom

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**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

**P:** Our Heavenly Father asks us to come into His presence.

**C:** But we are sinful and unworthy.

**P:** Yes, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but Jesus Christ died on the cross that we may be forgiven and washed clean of all our sins by His blood spilled on the cross. If the Lord washes us, we will certainly be clean and pure. We take a moment to bow before the His cross and silently reflect on our lives and confess our sins.

*(Time of silence for reflection and confession)*

**P:** Let us confess, together, our sins to God our Father.

**C:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinners.  We have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not lived out our faith out in our community. We justly deserve Your punishment.  For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  Amen.

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.  As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving:** Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers toils and snares, We have already come,

T'was grace hath brought us safe thus far

And grace will lead us home

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God’s praise,

Than when we've first begun

**Old Testament Reading -**Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice — “I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

“On that day,” declares the Lord, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.”

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

**Epistle Reading -**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**Gospel Reading** - Matthew 25:14-30

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**Sermon Hymn***–*I Will Rise

*Verse 1:*

There's a peace I've come to know.

Though my heart and flesh may fail

There's an anchor for my soul. I can say "It is well"

*Pre-Chorus:*

Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed

The victory is won. He is risen from the dead!

*Chorus:*

And I will rise when He calls my name.

No more sorrow, no more pain

I will rise on eagles' wings,

Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

*Verse 2:*

There's a day that's drawing near,

When this darkness breaks to light

And the shadows disappear. And my faith shall be my eyes

*(Pre-Chorus)*

*(Chorus)*

*Bridge:*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"

And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"

*(Repeat)*

"Worthy is the Lamb"

*Chorus:*

And I will rise when He calls my name.

No more sorrow, no more pain

I will rise on eagles' wings,

Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise. I will rise.

**Sermon** - "Endings"

**Prayers** *(take prayer requests)*

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  Amen

**Words of Institution**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song:**Resurrecting

The head that once was crowned with thorns,
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet. Now at His feet we bow

The One who wore our sin and shame, Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love, Now shines for all to see

*Chorus:*
Your name, Your name is victory!
All praise will rise to Christ our King
*(Repeat)*

The fear that held us now gives way
To Him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

*Chorus:*
Your name, Your name is victory!
All praise will rise to Christ our King
*(Repeat)*

*Bridge:*

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected King is resurrecting me
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory
The resurrected King is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain,
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain.
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

*Chorus:*
Your name, Your name is victory!
All praise will rise to Christ our King
*(Repeat)*

*Bridge*

He is Resurrecting me He is Resurrecting me

**Upcoming Events**

**November 19, 7 PM - A Time of Prayer**

Facebook, YouTube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

**November 20, 7 PM – Growth Group Bible Study**

Zoom

**November 22, 11 AM – Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

Song and Dance, Facebook, YouTube, and FaithWesleyChapel.com

