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The Lord's Day — July 21, 2019 A.D.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (TH #38)

Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unchanging and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Invocation and 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 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.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, since you delay with so much patience the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked your wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to you for pardon, and with true repentance implore your mercy. With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to you, whether you chastise us, or according to your infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

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.

***Hymn of Forgiveness**

And Can It Be (TH #455)

Wesley

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace!,
Humbled Himself so great His love!, and bled for all His chosen race.
Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine!
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

***New Testament Reading**

Acts 4:23-31

When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Prayers of the Church

Tithes & Offering

Hymn of Preparation

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (TH #311)

Montgomery

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight,

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; His Name shall stand for ever-that Name to us is Love.

Sermon

A King and His Kingdom

Pastor Jeff Hooker

Psalm 2 (page 448)

*Hymn of Response

Jesus Shall Reign (TH #441)

Watts

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

*Benediction

Corporate Response

Psalm 72:18-19

Dundee

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel
For he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel

And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.