



August 15, 2021 Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Songs of Praise

"Cornerstone"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Acknowledging Our Sin

Great God, your steadfast love and faithfulness are everlasting. Out of the overflow of love you made all things good and true. But we traded truth for the lie that we know better. We exchanged goodness for the brokenness of our own way. Because of this we are skeptical of your work in the world and our lives. In our pain we are quick to blame you rather than recognize that it is your presence alone that sustains us. At times we accuse you of being against us. In our weakest moments we try to live as if you do not exist. Turn us back to you. In love you gave us your only Son. You did not spare him so that we would be ransomed from our guilt and shame. You raised him from the dead so that we would have the status of righteous and holy. We are your sons and daughters. Holy Spirit, you are healing all of our brokenness through Jesus. Teach us to be thankful. Work joy into our lives as we experience God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Make us want to boast in God alone. Amen.

Receiving God's Forgiveness: 1 Peter 1:18; 21c

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Declaring Our Faith

Q: Who is Jesus and what new possibilities are ours through him?

A. In the incarnation, Jesus took our flesh and blood. As a child, he learned to use his hands, feet, and tongue. As a man, he worked with his hands. He ate and drank joyfully, touched gently, slept peacefully, and resisted temptation faithfully. As Messiah, he was given the Spirit without measure and his body was an instrument of righteousness. As Prophet, he taught and healed with authority. As King, he ruled over disease, death, even nature itself. As Priest, he suffered in his body, in his flesh, for our sins. As Lord, he rose, flesh and bones, demonstrating with power that he is Lord and Son of God. In all this, except his atoning death and resurrection, he left us an example. So through the Spirit, we can work with our hands, eat and drink joyfully, touch gently, sleep peacefully, resist temptation faithfully, and present our bodies to the Lord as instruments of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. By the Spirit and through Jesus' death and resurrection, we can glorify God and enjoy him now and forever.

Sermon Text: Psalm 73

¹ Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. ³ For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴ For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. ⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. ¹¹ And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" ¹² Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. ¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. ¹⁵ If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

¹⁸ Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰ Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²² I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. ²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Message – Pastor Dave Osborne

Song of Response

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Promise of God’s Blessing