

Worshiping God, Who First Loved Us!

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (The Cathedral)* J. S. Bach
Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *You are my King (Amazing Love)*
Kyrstan Brantley, Jeffrey Heyl, Ellie McGinty, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano;
Matt Brantley, bass; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar; Greg Wagener, drums

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me, because you died and rose again.

Chorus

Amazing love, how can it be, that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you.

You are my King,
You are my King.
Jesus, you are my King.
Jesus, you are my King.

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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 2:3,5

Lake McGinty, Seminary Intern

Pastor: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God
of Jacob,

People: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Pastor: O house of Jacob,

All: come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

***TEACH US, LORD, TO LOVE YOU SOLELY NO. 303** *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Romans 13:8-9; 1 John 4:20

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED 1 John 4:10-11

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

***HE MADE A WRETCH HIS TREASURE**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea-sure,
2. Be-hold the man up-on the cross, my sin up-on His shoul-ders;
3. I will not boast in an-y-thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom;
that He should give His on-ly Son to make a wretch His trea-sure.
a-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scof-fers.
but I will boast in Je-sus Christ, His death and re-sur-rec-tion.
How great the pain of sear-ing loss: the Fa-ther turns his face a-way
It was my sin that held Him there un-til it was ac-com-plished;
Why should I gain from His re-ward? I can-not give an an-swer,
as wounds, which mar the Cho-sen One, bring ma-ny sons to glo-ry.
His dy-ing breath has brought me life: I know that it is fin-ished.
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran-som.

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Exodus 20:12-16; Leviticus 19:18b

Pastor: Christian, what duties of love do you owe to your neighbor?

People: **Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.**

***EVERY KNEE WILL BOW** No. 163 *At the Name of Jesus*

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 136:1-3

Dave Bruegger, Elder

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Matthew 10:8

You received without paying; give without pay.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *Simple Living*

Kyrstan Brantley, Jeffrey Heyl, Ellie McGinty, vocals

A rich young man came to ask of Christ, "Good teacher, will you tell me, what must I do for eternal life? I've kept your laws completely."
"Sell all you have, give to the poor, then heaven's treasure shall be yours."
How hard for those who are rich on earth to gain the wealth of heaven.

Now Jesus sat by the offering gate as people brought their money:
The rich, they filled the collection plate; the widow gave a penny.
"Now, she's out-given all the rest, her gift was all that she possessed."
Not what you give but what you keep is what the King is counting.

O teach me, Lord, to walk this road, the road of simple living;
to be content with what I own and generous in giving.
And when I cling to what I have, please wrest it quickly from my grasp;
I'd rather lose all the things of earth to gain the things of heaven.

Yes, I'd rather lose all the things of earth to gain the things of heaven.

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
SERMON SERIES “Anatomy of a Bad Decision”
SCRIPTURE TEXT Matthew 19:16-22 | page 824 in the pew Bible
SERMON TITLE *Refusing Jesus*

***GOD EXALTED HIM TO THE HIGHEST PLACE No. 301** *Join All the Glorious Names*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Reprise: *Join All the Glorious Names*

Refusing Jesus

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Matthew 19:16-22 | page 824 in the pew Bible

Why did the rich young man go away sorrowful?

1. Because he liked his works

2. Because he loved his wealth

*Congregation please rise

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