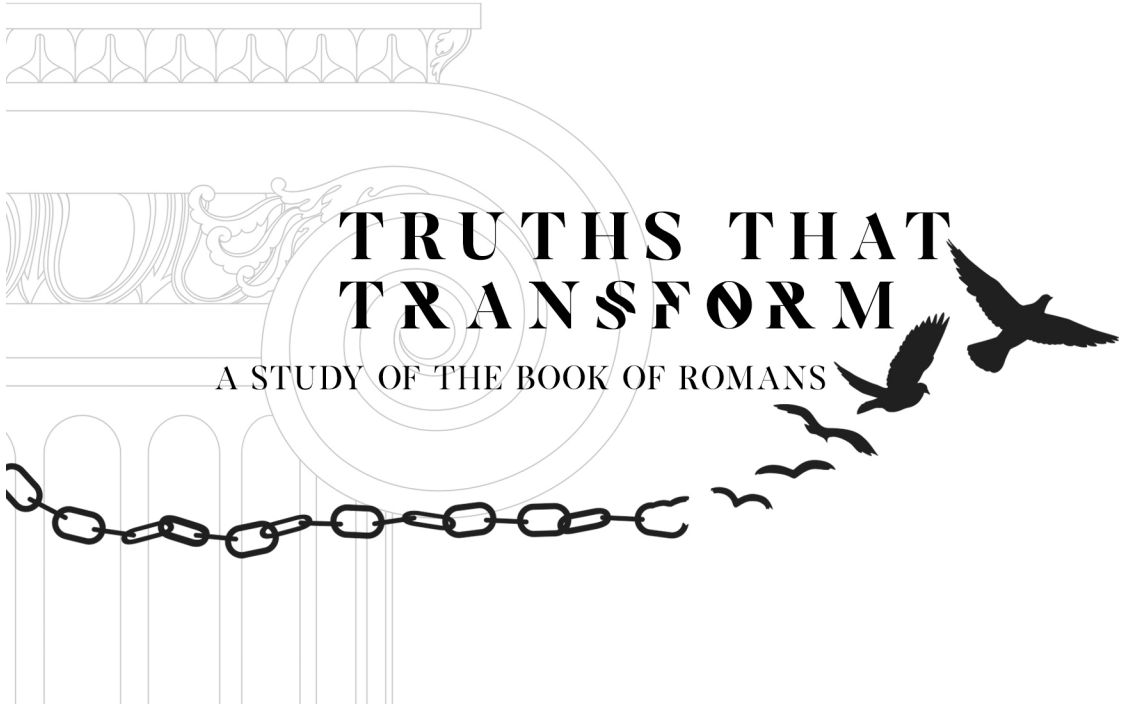




CENTRAL
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8:30 service
November 10, 2019



Worshipping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and we welcome presence of children with their families in worship. Parents of young children are also welcome to use our nursery care (8 wks — 2 yrs), cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 — 1st grade). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need directions.

Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Cole Lescher

Themes and keywords: faith, promise, resurrection, hope

Prelude

Sinfonia from Partita No. 2 in C minor

J.S. Bach

Liam Brown, piano

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; Ephesians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 1:4

Liturgist: Praise the LORD!

All: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Liturgist: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
for an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

All: *Hallelujah! Amen!*

We praise God

Holy, Holy, Holy
Hymnal #262

Text: Reginald Heber 1826
Tune: John Bacchus Dykes 1861

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.*

God calls us to confess our sin

from John 11:25; James 4:8, 10

Liturgist: Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live.
Therefore, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Our Father, maker of heaven and earth,
you are fulfilling all of your promises to us in Christ,
bringing life from the dead and making a way for us when there is no way.

**All: *But we confess that we are prone to forget
your power and your faithfulness,
and we often live as if Jesus were dead.
Our faith often wavers when we face trouble,
and we don't expect you to act in a powerful way.
We confuse testing with punishment
and pull away from you in anger and mistrust.
Enduring in your ways with hope seems unbearable
when pursuing our ways into sin seems to offer easy comfort.
We often grasp for life in weak things that pass away.
and idols that cannot save or satisfy.
Lord, have mercy on us.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Our faithful Father, please lift our heads in hope and lead our faltering hearts back to you, to find our strength and hope in Christ each day, to endure in faith and serving you with resurrection life, and to wait patiently for your promises to be fulfilled by the power of your Holy Spirit.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:4-7

Liturgist: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

The Solid Rock Hymn #404

Text: Edward Mote 1834
Tune: William B. Bradbury 1863

SEATED

Hear My Prayer

Chancel Choir
Cathy Benton, keyboardist

Text and tune: Moses Hogan
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O Lord, please hear my prayer,
In the mornin' when I rise.
It's Your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer,
Keep me safe within Your arms.
It's Your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done,
And You come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory.
And to hear You say well done.

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Worship and will return during the offering.

We pray for God to help us receive his word

Speak, O Lord

Text and tune: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
(c) 2006 Thankyou Music



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re-ceive the food of your ho - ly word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho - ly rev - er-ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the
Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be - lief.

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

Romans 4:13-25
(pew Bible p. 941)

God instructs us in preaching

"Can God Keep His Promise?"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

By Faith

Text and tune: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved, and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove his
power of his prom - ise in their hearts of a ho - ly ci - ty built by
longed for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the power to break the chains of
power of the Spir - it to the lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to
power of the gos - pel shall pre - vail; for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight. (to vs. 2)
God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign. (to chorus)
sin and death and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. (to vs. 4)
preach good news in ev - ery cor - ner of the earth. (to chorus)
pos - si - ble for all who call up - on his name. (to chorus)



We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise. We will fix our eyes on him, our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

We praise God

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Hymn #228**

Text: Charles Wesley 1744
Tune: John Darwall 1770

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Postlude

Carillon

L. Boëllman

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Robby Maher.
Love, Mom, Dad, Holley, and Megan.

Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the Hanley Road entrance,
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