

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 22, 2009

10:30 A.M.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude:** *Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God* Johann Sebastian Bach  
*(This week marks the 324<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of J. S. Bach, one of the greatest Christian composers of church music of all time.)*

**Welcome and Announcements** David Livanec, Ruling Elder / Shepherd

## CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

**\*Doxology:** No. 731 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Dr. Carl Ashley, Choral Director

**\*Ascription of Praise:** *Philippians 3:8-9*

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship:** *Saving Faith* John Panico, Seminary Youth Intern

**Leader & Choir:** *For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. As it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (Rom. 1:17)*

**Congregation:** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. So faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Rom. 10:9, 17)

**Leader & Choir:** *We also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. (Gal. 2:16)*

**Congregation:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God. (Eph. 2:8)

**Leader & Choir:** *The word became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:14, 12)*

**ALL:** **These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.** (John 20:31)

**\*Praise Medley:** *Faith in Christ*

No. 523 - *My Hope Is in the Lord* (stgs 1 and 2) Norman Clayton

No. 524 - *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ* (stgs 1 and 4) Horatius Bonar

**\*Profession of Faith:** No. 845 - *The Apostles' Creed* 2<sup>nd</sup> century

**\*Trinitarian Praise:** No. 735 - *Gloria Patri* 2<sup>nd</sup> century

## CONFESSING OUR SINS

**Prayer of Confession:** *Search Me, O God* (Psalm 139:23-24) Harry C. Causey

*Search me, O God. Search me, O Father, and know my heart, know my heart. Try me, O God. Try me, O Father, and know my thoughts, know all my thoughts.*

*And see if there be any wicked way in me. And lead me, lead me, in the way everlasting.*

*Search me, O God. Search me, O Father, and know my heart, know my heart. Try me, O God. Try me, O Father, and know my thoughts, know all my thoughts.*

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Psalm 139:1, 17*

## DEDICATING OUR LIVES

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:** *2 Corinthians 8:9*

**Offertory Anthem:** *Alleluia, Amen* Rick Vale and Jay Rouse  
*Please fill out Blue Cards in pens, and place them in the offering plates.*

Ev'ry tongue will praise His name, Alleluia, Amen.  
God, Creator, ever the same, Alleluia, Amen.  
All creation come and sing; Alleluia, Amen.  
Bring your praises to the King, Alleluia, Amen.

With the sun, the moon rejoices, Alleluia, Amen.  
Seas and mountains lift their voices, Alleluia, Amen.  
All creation come and sing; Alleluia, Amen.  
Bring your praises to the King, Alleluia, Amen.

Let us join the mighty chorus, Alleluia, Amen.  
Our Creator loves and adores us, Alleluia, Amen.  
All creation come and sing; Alleluia, Amen.  
Bring your praises to the King, Alleluia, Amen.

**Prayer for Children's Church**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** *My Hope Rests Firm on Jesus Christ* Keith Getty and Richard Creighton

## PREACHING HIS WORD

**Scripture:** *Nehemiah 4:10-12* Dr. Larry Roff, Associate Pastor

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "IS YOUR STRENGTH FAILING?"**

**Prayer for Divine Blessing**

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*Hymn:** No. 571 - *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* George Duffield  
*Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** *Gentle Shepherd* (Mrs. Carol DeMonaco) William Gaither

## EVENING WORSHIP ... 6:00 P.M.

**Scripture: Romans 11:33-36**  
**Bible Study: "What Is a Calvinist?"**

July 10 will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the great French / Swiss reformer, Jean Calvin, whom history remembers as John Calvin. God used him in an extraordinary way as one the "magisterial" reformers through whom He brought the church back to purer doctrine, worship, church government and Gospel life.

Over the next few weeks, our Sunday evening studies will examine basics of the Reformed faith. Reformed theology is known for its self-conscious attempt to be God-centered in all things ... in what we believe, how we live, and how we function as His church. These studies will encourage us to gain greater benefit from our rich heritage and to pursue that holiness which has always been a hallmark of Calvinism.

SERMON NOTES

**“IS YOUR STRENGTH FAILING?”**

Nehemiah 4:10-12

**1. POWER OF DISCOURAGEMENT ... vs. 10a**

*The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble.*

**2. ORIGIN OF DISCOURAGEMENT ... vs. 11-12**

*Our enemies ... the Jews who lived near them ...*

**3. VICTORY OVER DISCOURAGEMENT ... vs. 10b**

*By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall*

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Lake Worth, Florida**

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*That I may gain Christ  
and be found in Him,*

*not having a righteousness of my own  
but that which comes  
through faith in Christ,*

*the righteousness from God  
that depends on faith.*

Philippians 3:8-9

**LOVING GOD ... SERVING PEOPLE**

*Celebrating Our Fifty-first Anniversary*