

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

*Sunday, August 13, 2023
10:00 am
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

REFLECTION

"Furthermore, Jesus, not a slave to the ego, don't need to possess or hoard the power of God. "That's the thing about grace and love," says my friend, "The more you give away the more there is – there's enough and more than enough for everybody!"

Suzanne Guthrie

*OPENING SONG

"Rock Of Ages"

By: Post Modern

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill the law's commands
Should my passion never fade
And my efforts all be weighed
All for sin could not atone
You must save and You alone

Chorus: Rock of Ages

**No one takes your life
Yet You died that I might live
Costly grace You freely give
Rock of Ages
No one takes your life
Yet You died that I might live
Costly grace You freely give**

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to Thee for dress
Helpless look to Thee for grace
Wretched to the fount I fly
Wash me, Savior, or I die

Chorus

And while I draw my final breath
I'll rest upon Your grace
And when I close my eyes in death
I'll wake to see Your face

Chorus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*SONGS

"King Of My Heart"

By: John Mark McMillan

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh-oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh-oh, He is my song

**Chorus: You are good, good, oh-ohh
You are good, good, oh-ohh
You are good, good, oh-oh-ohh
You are good, good, oh-ohh**

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh-oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Ohh! He is my song

**Chorus: You are good, good, oh-ohh
You are good, good, oh-ohh
You are good, good, oh-oh-ohh
You are good, good, oh-ohh**

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

*SONG

"Living Hope"

By: Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

**Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me *REPEAT IX*

Jesus, Yours is the victory, woah-oh-oh

Chorus

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Esther 7:1-10
Mark 9:38-50

Page, 427, OT
Page, 42, NT

SERMON

“The Bible’s Bad Examples: Humans”

Rev. William Schram

*SONG

“Brokenness Aside”

By: All Sons & Daughters

Will your grace run out
If I let you down
Cause all I know
Is how to run

**Chorus: 'Cause I am a sinner
If it's not one thing it's another
Caught up in words
Tangled in lies
But You are a Savior
And You take brokenness aside
And make it beautiful
Beautiful**

Will You call me child
When I tell you lies
'Cause all I know
Is how to cry

Chorus

You make it beautiful
You make it beautiful
You make it beautiful
You make it beautiful

Chorus

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

*CLOSING SONG

“Doxology”

By: Phil Wickham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more
Praise Triune God whom we adore

Amen, Amen, Amen
God, we praise You
God, we praise You

Praise God, for all that He has done
Praise Christ, for He has overcome
The grave is beaten, love has won
Praise Savior, Spirit, God in one

Amen, Amen, Amen
God, we praise You
God, we praise You

Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen
We praise You
We praise You *REPEAT 2X*

*BENEDICTION

*Please rise in the body or spirit

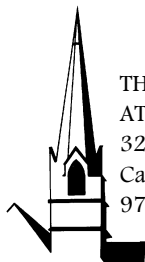
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