



April 2, 2017

Prelude Alethea Funck

“Lux Benigna” (“Lead, Kindly Light”) (Lloyd)
“Be Still and Know” (Moore)

We Gather Together . . .

And Can It Be?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

And can it be that I should gain
An int’rest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

‘Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
(Refrain)

(by Charles Wesley)

To Ask the Lord’s Blessing . . . Pastor Dave
Invoking God’s Presence to Bless His People

And Can It Be?

He left His Father’s throne above; so free, so infinite His grace.
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam’s helpless race.
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.

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Congregational Reading Pastor Dave, Leader

Leader: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice, they were saying:

People: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Leader: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

People: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

People: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad.

Leader: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation.

(Revelation 5:11-13; Psalms 47:7-8; 97:1a; Isaiah 52:7a NIV)

Song of Affirmation

O Mighty Cross (#317 vs. 1-2, 4)

O mighty cross, Love lifted high,
The Lord of life raised there to die;
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O mighty cross, what throne of grace,
He knew no sin, yet took my place;
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O mighty cross, my soul’s release;
The stripes He bore have brought me peace;
His sacrifice on Calvary
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.
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Worship in Giving Alethea Funck – Offertory

“Everlasting Love” (arr. by Rouse)

Ushers today:

Doug Fogwell, Mike Wagers

☞Children dismissed for Children’s Church (Rm. 5)☞

God’s Word Read Joyce Patterson

1 Kings 21:1-16 (NLT)

(Page 358 in Black NIV Pew Bible
& Pages 303-304 in Blue ESV Pew Bible)

God’s Word Taught Pastor Dave

“Days of Elijah”

“Our Neighbor, Naboth”

Song of Preparation

Hallelujah, What a Savior! (#311 vs. 1-3)

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood –
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we, Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

(by Philip P. Bliss)

Observance of the Lord’s Table

Servers: Maricel Abaggu, Dave Sanders, Vivian Tica

Fellowship Offering

Today’s Offering Dedicated to the Tica Family

Sing Praises to His Name . . .

Hallelujah, What a Savior! (#311 vs. 4-5)

Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished,” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

(by Philip P. Bliss)

He Forgets Not His Own . . . Nimrod Tica

Blessing People with God’s Promises

Postlude Alethea Funck

“Lyngham” (“O for a Thousand Tongues”) (Nixon)

(CCLI #575345)

Prayer for Eternal Life

“Dear God, I confess that I have sinned many times in word and deed. I humbly confess that I have broken Your law and that my sins have separated me from You. Here and now, I ask Jesus Christ to be my Savior. I believe that Jesus is Your only begotten Son who died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. With all my heart and soul, I trust Jesus alone for my salvation. Please forgive my sins, save me and make me a brand-new person. These things I ask in Jesus’ name, Amen.”



Praying God’s Purpose for His People

An Invitation for Personal Intercession

(Bill France, Leader; in Pastor’s Study – Turn Right Down Hall)



OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

APRIL 2-9, 2017

Sun. No L.I.F.@E. TIME
Wed. MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE 7 PM
Thurs. MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (McDonald's) 6:45 AM
SUCCESSION PLANNING TEAM MTG. 7 PM
Sat. MEN'S CONNECTION 7:45-8:30 AM
Next Sun. WORSHIP SERVICE (Palm Sunday) 9:30 AM
No L.I.F.@E. TIME

LOOKING AHEAD

April 18 – Coffeebreak 9:30 am
April 23 – Dr. Dwight Perry, Speaker 9:30 am

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EASTER FLOWERS

Potted Easter flowers (Lilies/Spring Flowers) will be available to purchase for \$7 each. If you would like to order flowers, please place the money in the offering plate identified with your name and designated for "Easter Flowers." **There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby to mark the type of flower you are requesting and to note if the flowers are in memory of or in honor of a loved one.** The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The flowers will be used in the Easter service and then will be available to take home afterward.

BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY LIST

Pick up your copy of the April birthday/anniversary list in the Fireside Room. Not on the list? Contact the church office.

FELLOWSHIP FUND

Today's Fellowship Fund Offering is dedicated to the Tica family. Additional gifts to the Tica family may be designated "Fellowship Fund – Ticas" and placed in the offering on any Sunday.

CHONDA PIERCE MOVIE

ATTENTION WOMEN: If you would like to join several women from Coffeebreak in attending the new Chonda Pierce movie on **April 25** at 7 p.m. at Stratford Square Mall (Cinemark) Theater, **let Debby France know by tomorrow, April 3, so group tickets can be obtained for about \$10 each.**

MIDWEEK PRAYER HOUR

We will resume our Wednesday prayer gathering **this Wednesday**. Come and join us for this special time of prayer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for John Petersen will be held **this Saturday, April 8**, at 11 a.m. here at the church. A lunch will be served following. If you would like to assist in set-up and serving, see Jennie Tietjen. A sign-up sheet is available.

MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection will meet **this Saturday** at 7:45 a.m. for an abbreviated meeting so those who are able can assist with set-up for John Petersen's Memorial Service luncheon.

SUMMER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking volunteers to assist in our partnership with College Church for this summer's Backyard Bible Club outreach. This will be held for five days **beginning July 24** from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with refreshments, hosting, set-up and any other helpful need. Contact Gil Zinke for more details.

COFFEEBREAK

Attention Ladies! Coffeebreak will hold their winter/spring sessions on a monthly basis. The next meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday, April 18**, with food/fellowship 9:30- 10 a.m., prayer 10-10:30 a.m. and devotion/discussion 10:30-11:15 a.m. We are using Cynthia Heald's book *Drawing Near to the Heart of God*, which can be purchased online at amazon.com for \$14.99 (plus shipping/taxes). The session for this day is titled "Enjoying the Journey." Please join us!

PAUSE TO PRAY

Pray for those of our church family who are recovering at home from injuries or surgery, including **Ken L and Al S**. Remember, also, **Norene Z** as she remains in Florida following her mother's death last week. Ask the Lord to be with each of these during their times of healing, challenge or grief.

Intercede for **Nona S**, who was hospitalized on Friday for short-term treatment. Ask the Lord to bring swift healing and recovery to her.

Ask the Lord to bring healing to **Audrey E** to allow her to resume attending services. Pray for the medical team as they consider possible paths for treatment and for her to sense the Lord's peace and provision.

Pray for **Maricel A** as she anticipates a positive result from the filing of a petition regarding her immigration status. Ask the Lord to give her the heart to trust His providence.

Pray for **Eric Johnson**, who began a multi-week series of therapy treatments for his medical condition on Tuesday. Intercede for both him and Janet during this time.

Pray for **Dr. Dwight Perry** as he comes to speak on April 23 on the theme of racial reconciliation.

As **Easter** approaches, intercede for outreach efforts, special services, focused events and literature distribution that proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ask of the Lord a spiritual harvest of many who will receive the gift of eternal life.

Continue to intercede for the **issues connected to religious and expressions of conscience in our society**. Ask the Lord to give wisdom and grace to individuals and churches, skill to legal teams defending such cases and a greater sense of the value of this freedom to the good of our country.

Intercede for the **April 6 Succession Team Meeting** as planning begins for the next, and possibly final, months of Evangel's ministry. Pray for the logistical, legal, formal and scheduling issues yet to be resolved. Ask the Lord for a spirit of joy, gratitude and appreciation as our congregation makes this transition.

Our **Negotiations Team** is searching for an effective home administratively for the proposed "legacy" fund. We would need to secure a place for funds to be deposited and disbursements to be made. Pray for this search to be settled in the near future.

Members & Friends: Bonnie H, Glenn & Ginnie H, Lil H

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