

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK

May 2, 2021

We gather today as “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant ...”

Hebrews 12:23-24a

A Time for Praise:

Prelude Pearl Barton

Call to Worship Pastor Lucas Mann

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-5

New Testament Reading John 10:22-30

Prayer Pastor Lucas Mann

Hymn of Praise *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymn #1

(Celebration Hymnal)

Hymn of Psalm (*O Sacred Head, Now wounded*) Psalm 67

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A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Message “The 5 C's of Worship: Commission” Pastor Lucas Mann

Joshua 6:1-5

A Time for Surrender:

Closing Hymn *Lead On, O King Eternal* Hymn #724

(Celebration Hymnal)

Benediction Jude 1:24-25

Soli Deo Gloria

Postlude Pearl Barton

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 2

7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 p.m. Bible Study/LBC

Senior Adult for the Month of April: Judy Pitts

May Fellowship

Sunday, May 16 2021

After the morning worship service

Church Picnic Luncheon

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the fellowship.

We will be having fried chicken, picnic style sides & desserts.

Please see the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule and select what you would like to bring.

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Tu – F: 9 am – 11:30 am; 1:30 pm – 3 pm

Youth Pastor: Travis Gosnell

Music Leader: Deck Balentine

Pianist: Pearl Barton

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Yes, He Really Does Hold Your Life and Your Future in His Hands

By Kevin DeYoung
(Part 2)

But the Bible also affirms, much more massively and frequently than some imagine, God's power and authority over all things. The nations are under God's control, as is nature, and animals. God uses wicked people for his plans—not just in a “bringing good out of evil” sort of way, but in an active, intentional, “this was God's plan from the get-go” sort of way. God hardens hearts. God sends trouble and calamity. God even puts to death. God does what he pleases and his purposes cannot be thwarted. In short, God guides all our steps and works all things after the counsel of his will.

It's worth noting that Lord's Day 10 is explaining what the Apostles' Creed means when it says, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.” If God is the creator of all things and truly almighty, then he must continue to be almighty over all that he has created. And if God is a Father, then surely he exercises his authority over his creation and creatures for the good of his beloved children. Providence is nothing more than a belief in “God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth” brought to bear on our present blessings and troubles and buoying our hope into the future.

You can look at providence through the lens of human autonomy and our idolatrous notions of freedom and see a mean God moving tsunamis and kings like chess pieces in some kind of perverse divine play-time. Or you can look at providence through the lens of Scripture and see a loving God counting the hairs on our heads and directing the sparrows in the sky so that we might live life unafraid. “What else can we wish for ourselves,” Calvin wrote, “if not even one hair can fall from our head without his will?” There are no accidents in your life. Nothing has been left to chance. Every economic downturn, every phone call in the middle of the night, every oncology report has been sent to us from the God who sees all things, plans all things, and loves us more than we know.

As children of our Heavenly Father, divine providence is always for us and never against us. Joseph's imprisonment seemed pointless, but it makes sense now. Slavery in Egypt makes sense now. Killing the Messiah makes sense now. Whatever difficulty or unknown you may be facing today, it will make sense someday—if not in this life, then certainly in the next.

We all have moments where we fear what the future may hold. But such fears are misplaced if we know the one who holds the future. The fact of the matter is all my worries may come true, but God will never be untrue to me. He will always lead me, always listen to me, and always love me in Christ. God moves in mysterious ways; we may not always understand why life is what it is. But we can face the future unafraid because we know that nothing moves, however mysterious, except by the hand of that great Unmoved Mover who moves all and is moved by none, and that this Mover is not an impersonal force but the God who is my Father in heaven.

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“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me; Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:”

Isaiah 46:9–10

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Worship: 10:00 am