POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH est. 1794

The Lord's Day, October 23rd, 2022 The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:17-18 The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Minister: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord! *Congregation:* **We lift them up!**

HYMN

It is Well with My Soul Celebration Hymnal #705

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE LAW OF GOD

Luke 18:19 As Jesus said, "No one is good—except God alone"

Private Confession

Corporate Confession

Minister: We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

All: "Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ezekiel 36:25-26

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

Doxology Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH Celebration Hymnal #815

CONSECRATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 45:1-7

Matthew 22:1-14

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Minister: May God bless the reading of His Word.

Congregation: Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Minister: We make these petitions, ending with the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

All: "Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." (Matthew 6:9-13)

PSALM

Psalm 5 Tune: ST GEORGE'S, WINDSOR Celebration Hymnal #797, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

> O Jehovah, hear my words; To my thoughts attentive be. Hear my cry, my King, my God, For I make my prayer to Thee. With the morning light, O LORD, Thou shalt hear my voice and cry; In the morn my prayer arrange And keep constant watch will I.

Truly, Thou art not a God That in sin doth take delight; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud stand in Thy sight. Evildoers Thou dost hate; Liars Thou wilt bring to naught. GOD abhors the man who loves Deed of blood or lying thought.

But in Thine abundant grace To Thy house will I repair; Looking to Thy holy place, In Thy fear I'll worship there. Since, O LORD, mine enemies For my soul do lie in wait, Lead me in Thy righteousness; Make Thy way before me straight.

For they flatter with their tongue; In their mouth no truth is found; Like an open grave their throat; All their thoughts with sin abound. Hold them guilty, O my God; Them for all their sins expel; Let them fall by their own craft, For against Thee they rebel.

But let all that trust Thy care Ever glad and joyful be; Let them joy who love Thy name, For they guarded are by Thee. And a blessing rich, O LORD, To the righteous Thou wilt yield; Thou wilt compass him about With Thy favor as a shield.

SERMON

"THE BIG IF" - 2 Chronicles 7:14

HYMN

Open My Eyes That I May See Celebration Hymnal #563

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Minister: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Congregation: Amen.

Postlude

EVENING SERMON

"THE RECIPE FOR A GOD-HONORING LIFE" - Micah 7:7

THE SERVANT IN BATTLE

O LORD. I bless thee that the issue of the battle between thyself and Satan has never been uncertain, and will end in victory. Calvary broke the dragon's head, and I contend with a vanquished foe, who with all his subtlety and strength has already been overcome. When I feel the serpent at my heel may I remember him whose heel was bruised, but who, when bruised, broke the devil's head. My soul with inward joy extols the mighty conqueror. Heal me of any wounds received in the great conflict; if I have gathered defilement, if my faith has suffered damage, if my hope is less than bright, if my love is not fervent, if some creature-comfort occupies my heart, if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight. O thou whose every promise is balm, every touch life, draw near to thy weary warrior, refresh me, that I may rise again to wage the strife, and never tire until my enemy is trodden down. Give me such fellowship with thee that I may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, the world, with delight that comes not from a creature, and which a creature cannot mar. Give me a draught of the eternal fountain that lieth in thy immutable, everlasting love and decree. Then shall my hand never weaken, my feet never stumble, my sword never rest, my shield never rust, my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall, as my strength rests in the power of thy might. (The Valley of Vision Prayer Book)

DEACON ORDINATION: On Sunday morning, October 30, 2022, there will be a special Deacon ordination held for Michael Madden after the morning worship service.

SERVICES

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Children's Ministry 7:00 PM

Church Conference 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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