

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God — 10:30 a.m. on March 28th 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:1-3

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (TH# 701)
Fanny J. Crosby (1882)

1 Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,
his child and forever I am.

2 Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,
no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence
with me doth continually dwell. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Redeemed, redeemed,
redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy
his child and forever I am.

3 I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
his love is the theme of my song. [Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

Leader: What are God's works of providence?

People: God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Leader: What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

People: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Leader: Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

People: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 2:18-25

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:7-9

SERMON

The Mistreatment of the Servant

Rev. Jake Susek

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

My Hope Is in the Lord (TH# 523)
Norman J. Clayton (1945)

1 My Hope is in the Lord, who gave Himself
for me
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary
[Refrain]

2 No merit of my own His anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus'
righteousness [Refrain]

Refrain
For me He died; For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light He freely
gives.

3 And now for me He stands Before the
Father's throne;
He shows His wounded hands and names
me as His own. [Refrain]

4 His grace has planned it all, 'Tis mine but
to believe
And recognize His work of love and Christ
receive. [Refrain]

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SERMON NOTES – 3RD MOVEMENT

“The Mistreatment of the Servant”

(General principles for dealing with personal mistreatment)

Isaiah 53:7-9

Where Theology Touches Life

REFLECTIONS:

“In order to heal others, you must be willing to suffer yourself.”

What Mother Theresa told Princess Diana

“O Lord, deliver me from this lust of always vindicating myself.” St. Augustine

“Do not expect to be treated fairly in this life. People will say and do hurtful things to you, things that you don’t deserve. When someone mistreats you, try to view it as an opportunity to grow in grace. See how quickly you can forgive the one who has wounded you. Don’t be concerned about setting the record straight. Instead of obsessing about other people’s opinions of you, keep your focus on Me. Ultimately, it is My view of you that counts.”

Sarah Young in

Jesus Calling

“What freedom corresponds to submission? It is the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way. The obsession to demand that things go the way we want them to go is one of the greatest bondages in human society today.”

Richard Foster in Celebration of Discipline

INTRO

‘A Book from the Bookstore’ (how to act right....)

Mistreatment is a complex issue....we’re going to focus on family/personal dynamics.

THE MORAL AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Ever try listening to someone who has no idea what they’re talking about?

One of a preacher’s greatest fears: *preaching unlived truth.*

I. The Mis-Treatment Jesus Endured: (vs. 7-9)

Strong words = Oppressed / Afflicted / Judged / Cut off / Stricken

PHYSICAL ABUSE

*The events surrounding the crucifixion...

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

*His family thought he was insane...

*He was forsaken by his disciples....

*Rejected by the very people he came to save...

SPIRITUAL ABUSE

*People accused him of being demonic...

*Bearing our curse, as our sin bearer he was forsaken by God....

But he had *DONE* nothing wrong and *SAID* nothing untruthful!

Basic principles in counseling:

a. No one has treated you worse than you have treated Jesus...(Forgiveness)

b. Jesus really does know how you feel...(Empathy)

c. Come to Jesus....(Help)

II. Why did Jesus “take it”? Matt 26:53 - 12 legions of Angels....

Note: *If you don’t get this right....*

*I value contemporary worship music – some great lyrics...Getty’s, Sover-Gr
However, just like some hymns...*

Hint: *On the cross, “above all”, Jesus didn’t think of you!*

#1. He bore such mistreatment in obedience to the will of God.

Vs. 11: It was the will of God to crush him... / Heb 5:8 “He learned obedience through suffering...”

Acts 2:23ff - This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God...

Phil 2:8 - He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross...

Heb 10:5-7 - Behold, I have come to do your will, O God...

“Not my will, but your will be done.” - Jesus in Gethsemane

Paraphrasing Paul Tripp from *What did you expect?*

When marriages run into problems, it’s not so much that couples don’t love each other enough, but that they don’t love God enough.

#2. He voluntarily bore such mistreatment for “your sake”.

Mark 10:45 - The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life....

John 10:11 - The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep....

“By His wounds we are healed” – vs 5.

I MUST NEEDS BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL:

[a] *Sometimes* when you are mistreated, out of obedience to God and for the benefit of others, you need to “take it”. Think of people who suffer because of their faith....

I Peter 2:18-25, if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this finds favor in the sight of God...

For to this you have been called

I Peter 3:1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word...

[b] *Sometimes* when you are mistreated, *you need to address it and deal with it!*

[physical, sexual, verbal abuse]

Matthew 19:15 If your brother (spouse / parent / friend / authority figure) sins against you....

Romans 13:4 - The Government is the servant of God to punish the wrongdoer....

III. How Did Jesus Respond? (vs. 7)

FOCUS: *On his Speech!*

How many times our speech makes matters worse!

[a] On the one hand, he didn’t defend himself...but on the other hand he spoke the truth....

[b] St. Peter says when threatened, he didn’t utter threats back...

Ephesians 4:29

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

IV. What Helped Him Respond Appropriately:

He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.
I Peter 2:24

We only see in part

Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross.
Hebrews 12:2