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-Psalm 94:22-23-

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10:55 a.m.

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6:00 p.m.

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The Hymn of Ascents

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Hymn 26

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For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe–
His craft and pow’r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He–
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
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And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
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The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

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be advanced in this world!

You will; but, O, promote Your cause, let your kingdom come, let Your blessed interest

sinners be brought to You for Your dear name! Lord, use me as You will, do with me what

might love and praise You, that You might have all glory from the intelligent world! Let

are God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. O that all men

Sovereign God, Your cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to You with


The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

[All:]  The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Celebration

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Worship Leaders

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Worship

from

Psalm 27:1

The Musical Offering of Worship

“I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)” (Townend/Getty)

Chris Travers, soloist

Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call;

Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways How could I come before Your throne?

Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

[Chorus]:

I will wait for You, I will wait for You; On Your Word I will rely.

I will wait for You, surely wait for You, Till my soul is satisfied.

So put Your hope in God alone Take courage in His power to save.

Completely and forever won By Christ emerging from the grave. (Chorus)

Now He has come to make a way, And God Himself has paid the price;

That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice;

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I will wait for You, I will wait for You; Through the storm and through the night.

I will wait for You, surely wait for You, For Your love is my delight. (repeat)

The Confession of Truth

Westminster Confession of Faith, ch. 5-1

All: God, who created everything, also upholds everything. He directs,

regulates, and governs every creature, action, and thing, from the greatest to

the least, by His completely wise and holy providence. He does so in accordance

with His infallible foreknowledge and the voluntary, unchangeable purpose

of His own will, all to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice,

goodness, and mercy.

The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”  “How Deep the Father’s Love”

[Chorus:]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul  I worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning  It’s time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing

When the evening comes. (Chorus)

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger; Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

(Chorus)

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Sing like never before, O my soul  I worship Your Holy name,

I worship Your Holy name, I worship Your Holy name.
How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away; As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom. (Repeat)

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**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD**

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 1 Tim. 4:13*

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading  
*Luke 13:1–5*  
Pastor Reeder

The Exposition of God’s Word

III. Crisis and the Christian in Biblical Perspective  
“One Lesson from Jesus on Two Crises”  
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**THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*The Lord bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24*

The Response in Music

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Lemmel)  
Annesley Streets, soloist

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,*  
*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

The Pastoral Benediction

The Congregational Affirmation

“The Doxology with Alleluias”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude

Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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**EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.**

“Conversations on this Present Distress with Harry & Bruce”  
available online; see details on the last panel
Prayers and Praises

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“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

Opportunities for Ministry and Growth

You may still purchase a lily in memory or honor of someone to be placed for Easter Sunday in the Worship Center. Cost is $10 per dedication/plant. Order online at briarwood.org/lily. As Easter Sunday approaches, we will let you know how you may acquire your lily after the day’s services.

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