



Prelude

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Jeremiah 32:36–41

“Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, ‘It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence’: Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.”

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Isaiah 62:3-5

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

We often find that those who discern most clearly God's judgments abroad in the world are those who also see the rainbow of His love and mercy arching the horizon of the future. And while Zephaniah foretold the judgments upon Judah, he foresaw them as a purgative essential to Judah's becoming the blessed the Lord and His handmaiden to the whole world.

The blessed hope of the emergence of a remnant of God's people, spared and redeemed from the general destruction, is always breaking through in the prophetic writings. The promise of salvation was not nationalistic but proffered to the humble and penitent in the nation.

Erdmans' Bible Commentary

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Litany

Elder CJ Verbrugge

Elder God anointed Christ to console the afflicted
People Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!
Elder God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.
People Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!
Elder God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.
People Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!
Elder God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.
People Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

Call to Worship

Psalm 125:1-2

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.

* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Trinity Hymnal 38

* Invocation

In His Care-O

men's chorus

by William L. Dawson

One day as I was walking down the lonesome road,
Well the spirit spoke unto me
and it filled my heart with joy!
One day as I was walking down the lonesome road,
I thank my Lord I'm in his care-o.

Now, let me tell you, now,
Once I'm in his care (Hallelujah, Lord)
Now, let me tell you, now,
Once I'm in his care (Sing it over, Lord)
Oh, Jesus got his arms all around me
No evil thoughts can harm me
For I (I thank my Lord) I'm in his care-o.

I would not live a sinner
Lord, I'll tell the reason why
Well I'm afraid my Lord might call me
And I wouldn't be ready to die
I would not live a sinner
Lord, I'll tell the reason why
Lord, I thank my Lord I'm in his care-o. *Chorus*

Oh well, Daniel, he was a good man
Lord, he prayed three times a day
Well the angels hist their their windows
Just to hear what Daniel had to say
Well, Daniel, he was a good man
Lord, he prayed three times a day
Lord, I thank my Lord I'm in his care-o. *Chorus*

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Psalm 77:4b-10

I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I consider the days of old,
the years long ago.
I said, "Let me remember my song in the night;
let me meditate in my heart."
Then my spirit made a diligent search:
"Will the Lord spurn forever,
and never again be favorable?
Has his steadfast love forever ceased?
Are his promises at an end for all time?
Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"
Then I said, "I will appeal to this,
to the years of the right hand of the Most High."

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Isaiah 53:5

...he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

*8:30 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids
Worship and will return following the sermon.*

11:15 service Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.

Reception of New Members (8:30 service)

Matt & Zandria Hull and Titus, Keller, Naomi, Benny
Dan & Maria Knapper and Josie, Franklin, Louise

Baptism (8:30 service)

Louise June Knapper, covenant daughter of Dan & Maria

* The Love of Christ

1. The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His will
 3. Love has re-deemed His sheep with blood; And love will
 own bring them eter-nal to-ly; God; Nor earth, nor them
 hell, all can from it death re-move; life; Long as love He will
 lives, His own all He'll their love. strife.
 2. His lov-ing through heart ev-ery-gaged to be scene, Their ev-er-
 4. He loves through ev-ery chang-ing scene, Nor aught from
 last Him-ing can Sur-Zi-on-ty; wean; 'Twas love all that the
 took wan-derings cause of in her hand, And Can love make main-
 tains love it for to her the de-end. part. Love
 can-not from its post with-draw; Nor

21 G^b A^b D^b
 death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can

23 G^b A^b D^b
 turn the Sur - ety's heart a - way; He'll

25 G^b A^b A^b
 love His own to end - less day. 3. Love has re -

28 A^b D^b G^b D^b
 5. At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less

31 G^b A^b D^b
 bliss, His own shall prove The blaz - ing

33 D^b G^b D^b
 glo - ry of that love Which ne - ver

35 G^b A^b D^b
 could from them re - move. Which ne - ver

37 G^b A^b D^b
 could from them re - move.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading Zephaniah 3:8-20

⁸ "Therefore wait for me," declares the Lord,
"for the day when I rise up to seize the prey.

For my decision is to gather nations,
to assemble kingdoms,
to pour out upon them my indignation,
all my burning anger;
for in the fire of my jealousy
all the earth shall be consumed.

⁹ "For at that time I will change the speech
of the peoples to a pure speech,
that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD
and serve him with one accord.

¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Cush
my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones,
shall bring my offering.

¹¹ "On that day you shall not be put to shame
because of the deeds by which you
have rebelled against me;
for then I will remove from your midst
your proudly exultant ones,
and you shall no longer be haughty
in my holy mountain.

¹² But I will leave in your midst
a people humble and lowly.

They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,

¹³ those who are left in Israel;
they shall do no injustice
and speak no lies,
nor shall there be found in their mouth
a deceitful tongue.
For they shall graze and lie down,
and none shall make them afraid."

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Restored for Love

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Promises of being

- Restored

- Revoiced

- Renowned

Promises from our

- Good Shepherd

- Warrior King

- Exultant Lover

it is so. A-men, a-men, a-men, a -

men, it is so. it is so.

1. He has saved us, he has re-deemed us; he will

2. He's the Al pha and the O - me - ga, the be -

hear us when we call, and when af -

gin - ning, and the end. And all God's

flic - tions come on the right-eous he will sus -

prom - is - es made in Je - sus are _____

tain us through them

yes _____ and _____ a -

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*** Postlude**

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Worship musicians
Men's Chorus
Sarah Helder, director

Linda Bokma-deJong (8:30),
Marguerite Duemler (11:15), vocals
Leah Paasche, flute
Susan Guerra, piano