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- ¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
- ³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
- and the ends of the earth your possession.
- $^{\rm 9}$ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 2 ESV

THE LORD'S DAY June 13, 2021

Convergent Service11:00 AM

God's People Gather for Worship

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"All We Sinners"

On yonder hill, the darkness flew the morning broke in light and dew When day had come again anew all we sinners sang

In muck and mire, our wretched souls had fallen to the depths below Hell deserved, but there was hope all we sinners sang

> (chorus) Saved, we are saved The gates of heaven wide open Saved, we are saved The keys to the grave have been stolen

What could ever pay the cost on Calvary's hill, there rose a cross And could it be that evil lost all we sinners sang and all we sinners sang

(chorus)

The crimson river, like a flood came washing over all of us It swallowed sin and death right up and all we sinners sang Yeah, all we sinners sang

(chorus 2 times)

On yonder hill, where darkness flew the morning breaks in light and dew Day has come again anew all we sinners sing

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

From Psalm 16

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot...the lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance...I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices...You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing; Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above Praise His name- I'm fixed upon it, Name of God's redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place; And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart, O take and seal it seal; it for Thy courts above Here's my heart, O take and seal it seal; it for Thy courts above

"Thy Mercy My God"

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here, Sin would reduce me to utter despair;

But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of light and life, we at times have been blind when your truth has been so clear. We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in darkness and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the darkness that shrouds our lives. Give us the light of your Word and the power of the Spirit to grow in the likeness of Christ. In whose name we pray, Amen.

Song

Song

Assurance of Pardon

Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"New Wine"

Psalm 2

Interceding for God's World

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God! Sermon

"Taking Refuge in the Reigning Lord" Reverend Ken Chivers

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Because He Lives"

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

(chorus)

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then, as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns!

Commissioning and Benediction

God's People Scatter to Live as Faithful, Fruitful Followers of Jesus Christ