


**Memory Verse for July 4
Romans 8:1-29**

There is therefore now no condemnation.... **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**The Lord's Day
June 27, 2010
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.**



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.
Assisted listening devices are available from the sound booth attendant.

Prelude

Sonata I, Allegro

W. A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Welcome & Announcements

†Silent Prayer

O, Father, to have our hearts united to your Son in humble faith; to rejoice in him as our Shepherd and our portion; to submit to all his appointments, not of necessity, because he is stronger than we, but with a cheerful acquiescence, because he is wise and good, and loves us better than we do ourselves; to feed upon his truth; to have our understandings, wills, affections, imaginations, memory, all filled and impressed with the great mysteries of redeeming love; to do all for him, to receive all from him, to find all in him. Except Jesus dwells in our hearts, and fills them with his power and presence, they will be filled with folly, vanity, and vexation. Give us this life of faith! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from a letter by John Newton, August 28, 1779

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 113:1-6

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

***Hymn of Praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#53

**Congregation standing †Congregation invited to kneel*

†Confession of Sin

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 4:3-8

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

*Confession of Faith

Q. How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

—Heidelberg Catechism #60

*Hymn of Faith in Christ

"Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

#166

Tithes and Offerings

Sonata I, Andante

W. A. Mozart

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below; (Alleluia).

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Alleluia). Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:25-32

Sermon

"The Older Brother"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member or regular attender of this or some other congregation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and encourage you to reflect on these prayers during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Prayer for those Searching

O God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have; the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved; the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to bring deep satisfaction. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you"? God, if this is true, please reveal yourself to me, and open my heart to you to find that ultimate rest. Help me to believe your Word and your Son's love for me. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, you suffered on the cross for sinners to bear their sins away. Please, Lord Jesus, friend of sinners, take my sins. Help me to turn from my sins and follow you. Show me the way Lord Jesus, for you are the only one who has come down from Heaven to give all who trust in you eternal life. Amen.

Supper Hymn
"At the Lamb's High Feast" #420

Reading of Scripture Colossians 3:1-17

***Closing Hymn**
"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" #455

Benediction

***Silent Prayer**
Thank you, Father, for sending the true elder brother to search for us, find us, and bring us home to you. If we have you, Father, we have everything. All that is yours is ours, because of Christ. Fill our hearts with rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge of the immense blessings that belong to us in the gospel. Let us see how fitting it is to celebrate! We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude
Sonata I, Allegro W. A. Mozart

Sermon Notes



Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** Psalm 122
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

Hymns of Praise

"Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord" #16
"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take.
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.*

Mission Report

Jesse and Sarah Dempsen, Sacred Road Ministries

Congregational Prayer

- Unreached People Group: Hungarian Jews
- Persecuted Church: Pakistan
- Missions: Sacred Road Ministries
- Missions: Steve and Joan Feriante in Oahu
- Health/Family: Penny Heins; comfort for Dana Isenberger’s family
- Children/Youth: Emma Teixeira, Abigail Vander Pol, Julia Vander Pol, Malachi Vander Pol, Simeon Vander Pol, Josiah Vander Pol, Bethany Zering, Josiah Zering, Jeremiah Zering

Scripture Reading

Psalm 52

Sermon

“Praying When Things Look Lost”

Closing Hymn

Psalm 52 Tune: Rockingham Old (Trinity Hymnal, #48)

O mighty man, why wilt thou boast
Thyself in hateful cruelty,
When God almighty is most kind,
And ever merciful is he?

Thy tongue deviseth wickedness,
A weapon treacherous and keen;
Thou lovest evil more than good,
And falsehood in thy sight in clean.

Since, O thou false, deceitful tongue
In deadly words thou findest joy,
The Lord shall pluck thee from thy place
And all thy wickedness destroy.

The good, confirmed in godly fear,
The pride and folly shall confess
Of those who make not God their strength
But trust in wealth and wickedness.

But as for me, my strength is like
A verdant temple olive tree;
My trust is in God’s tender love,
Which shall endure eternally.

With endless thanks, O Lord, to thee,
Thy wondrous works will I proclaim,
And in the presence of thy saints,
Will ever hope in thy good name.

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes
