

**Memory Verse for August 8**  
**Romans 8:1-32**

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. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**The Lord's Day**  
**August 1, 2010**  
**Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.**



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.  
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.  
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**Prelude**  
Pavane

Gabriel Faure (1845—1924)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**†Silent Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are enthroned in heaven, but prayer will bring you down to our hearts. Indeed, you are always beforehand with us; and if we feel one desire toward you, we may accept it as a token that you gave it to us, to encourage us to ask for more. You are the sun and shield of those who fear you. Your favor is the one thing needful. Fix our confidence on you, O Lord; be our guide and guard. In the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—Adapted from a letter by John Newton (1725 —1807)

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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*\*Congregation standing †Congregation invited to kneel*

### †Confession of Sin

*O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? If there is any that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that You have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so and help us to follow You in every way and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—Adapted from *Augustine's Confessions*

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### \*Hymn of Faith in Christ

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

—Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

### Affirmation of Faith

We believe: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all, he appeared to Paul also. Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man came death, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. . . . When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

—1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 20-28 (adapted)

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, which 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.*

## **Tithes and Offerings**

Dance of the Blessed Spirits (from *Orfeo Ed Euridice*)  
Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714—1787)

## **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Take my life, and let it be,  
Consecrated, Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 17:20-37

## **Sermon**

“The Coming of the Kingdom”

## **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**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” #254

## **Reading of Scripture**

Revelation 1:4-19

## **\*Closing Hymn**

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” #318  
(Tune: Helmsley)

## **Benediction**

## **†Silent Prayer**

*In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place – you, Lord Jesus Christ, have removed the whole curse from me. All your enemies will be destroyed, and you will take me along with all your chosen ones into the joy and glory of heaven. Give me faith to wait patiently for that glorious day. Amen.*

—Adapted from *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question 52

## **Postlude**

Soave Sia Il Vento (from *Così fan tutte*)

W. A. Mozart (1756—1791)

