

The Parables of Jesus



The Hidden Treasure and The Pearl

There is a difference between having an *opinion*, that God is holy and gracious, and having a *sense* of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness. A man may have the former, that knows not how honey tastes; but a man cannot have the latter unless he has an idea of the taste of honey in his mind. So there is a difference between believing that a person is beautiful, and having a sense of his beauty. ... The former rests only in the head, speculation only is concerned in it; but the heart is concerned in the latter. When the heart is sensible of the beauty and amiableness of a thing, it necessarily feels pleasure in the apprehension ... [a believer] does not merely rationally believe that God is glorious, but he has a sense of the gloriousness of God in his heart. Jonathan Edwards

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 21, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.
(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — *Grave* (Evaristo Felice Dall'Abaco)

ALAN MASON,
Double Bass

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 18:1–3 (Pew Bible, p. 576)

Pastor: Let us worship the LORD with all our strength.

People: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,**

Pastor: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

People: **My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

Pastor: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

All: **I am saved from my enemies.**

PASTOR BARBER

❖ Hymn (Trinity #173) — Praise Him! Praise Him! (music next pages)

Praise Him! Praise Him!

They sang a new song: "You are worthy ... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God." Rev. 5:9

1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

D G D D⁷ G D⁷ G D

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

G Em A⁷ D

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

REFRAIN
 G C G

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

G⁷ C Am G D⁷ G 7

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

PASTOR POST

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)**

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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism (Lord's Day 1)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

❖ **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament readings — Psalms 27:4; 84:1–2, 10; 73:25–26; 63:1–3, 5
(Pew Bible, p. 583; 626; 617; 608)

ELDER GUY
WEBSTER

27:4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God. [...]

10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

26 My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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63:1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. [...]
5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

Psalms 27:4; 84:1–2, 10; 73:25–26; 63:1–3, 5

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTOR POST

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

Father, forgive me, I am a sinner in desperate need of your grace. Forgive me for those times when I have used my gifts for my glory and not yours. Forgive me when my fantasies are outside of your boundaries. Forgive me when I have responded to the weaknesses of others with irritation and not grace. Forgive me when I am comfortable with a dichotomy between what I profess and how I live. Forgive me when I allow the distractions of earth to keep me from seeking the things above. Forgive me when I am not a good steward of my time, energy, and resources. Forgive me for every time I battle for my way instead of joyfully submitting to your way. So, I bow before your holiness, not because of my righteousness but because of the perfect righteousness of the Son. Please work to keep my heart tender and may my mouth always be willing to confess my need for your forgiveness.

Assurance of Pardon

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:9–14

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — *Skogen sover* (Ernest Thiel; Hugo Alfvén, Op. 28:6; adap. Alexander Verster)

ALAN MASON,
Double Bass

❖ Song — What a Beautiful Name (music opposite page)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church. Parents please pick up children after the service.

Words and Music by
Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

1. You were the Word at the be - gin - ning, one with
 2. You didn't want heav - en with - out us, so Je - sus,
 God the Lord Most High. Your hid - den glo - ry in cre - a -
 You brought heav - en down. My sin was great, Your love was great -
 - tion, now re - vealed in You, our Christ. What a beau - ti - ful Name it is,
 - er; what could sep - a - rate us now? What a won - der - ful Name it is,

CHORUS



what a beau - ti - ful Name it is, — the Name of — Je - sus Christ, my King.
 what a won - der - ful Name it is, — the Name of — Je - sus Christ, my King.
 what a pow - er - ful Name it is, — the Name of — Je - sus Christ, my King.



— What a beau - ti - ful Name it is, — noth - ing com - pares to this. —
 — What a won - der - ful Name it is, — noth - ing com - pares to this. —
 — What a pow - er - ful Name it is, — noth - ing can stand a - gainst.



— What a beau - ti - ful Name it is, — the Name of Je - sus.
 — What a won - der - ful Name it is, — the Name of Je - —
 — What a pow - er - ful Name it is, — the Name of Je - sus.



2. sus. What a won - der - ful Name it is, — the Name of Je - sus. —

BRIDGE



Death could not hold — You, the veil tore be - fore — You. You si - lence the boast
 (You have no ri) - val, You have no e - qual. Now and for - ev -



— of sin — and grave. — The heav - ens are roar - ing the praise of Your glo -
 - er God, You reign. — Yours is the king - dom, Yours is the glo -



1. - ry for You are raised — to life — a - gain. — You have no ri -
 - ry, Yours is the Name — a - bove all names. —



to CHORUS

What a pow - er - ful Name — it is,

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Hidden Treasure and The Pearl — Matthew 13:44–50
(Pew Bible, p. 1041)

PASTOR BARBER

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:44–50

❖ Song — The Wonderful Cross (music next pages)

❖ GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

SUNDAY CELEBRATION — 5–7pm (includes Fellowship Groups, Young Adults, and Children’s Ministry). Youth Group will not meet tonight.

The Wonderful Cross

When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
(2nd x only) See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and love flow min - gled down:

1.
my rich - est gain I count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
did e'er such love and sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?

2.
O the won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross

bids me come and die and find that I may tru - ly live.

O the won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross,

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all who gath - er here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pres - ent far too small;

love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

O the won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross

bids me come and die and find that I may tru - ly live.

O the won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross,

all who gath - er here by grace draw near and bless Your name.



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

ORDINATION SERVICE—April 28, 10:45am, Graham Guo will be ordained as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church in America.

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays at 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson.

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Mark & Marti Mylin —Greater European Missions: Angers, France (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

A DOOR OF HOPE’S BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT—Begins today. See newsletter for more information.

LIFE ON BROADWAY III —April 28, 6pm. Our music ministry has put together another evening of singing with selections from Broadway shows and life lessons.

SOUNDS OF HOPE—May 11, 6pm. A joint concert with choirs from EP and Wilmington Christian School, and chamber orchestra. The concert features Delaware’s premiere of Elaine Hagenberg’s *Illuminare*.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS - Registration is open until **Sunday, April 28th!** Go to EP website on the youth page for more information and to register.

Attendance and Financial Information for April 14, 2024

SS: 149 - AM: 306

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 18,232.41
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$315,935.45
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$333,601.20
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$317,192.52
Slides & Rides Fundraiser	\$ 19,702.56



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