

Sunday, 2nd August.

Welcome & announcements:

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.
(repeat last 4 lines)

William Rees (1802-1883)

Prayer:

Memory verse:

- Last week – The sacrifice of his only son.
- This week – The sons & daughters of Abraham.

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's children, and heirs according to the promise.
Galatians 3:29

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One,
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.
(repeat last 4 lines)

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Prayer:

Reading: Joshua 22:1-9

1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh,
2 and said to them: "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.
3 You have not left your brethren these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.
4 And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as He promised them; now therefore, return and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.
5 But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul."
6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 Now to half the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half of it Joshua gave a possession among their brethren on this side of the Jordan, westward. And indeed, when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them,

8 and spoke to them, saying, "Return with much riches to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren."

9 So the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had obtained according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

Lift up your eyes and see Christ above.

See how He pleads for the ones He has loved.
Gaze on the wounds that have brought us to God.

And take heart, He will love us forever.

Lift up your eyes and see Christ enthroned.
His mighty cross has vanquished His foes.
And soon comes a day when to Him all will bow.
And take heart, He will love us forever.

Lift up your eyes, His glory proclaim.
For God has exalted the Lamb that was slain.
Someday our eyes will look full on His face.
And take heart, He will love us forever.

Lift up your eyes to Christ our High Priest.
Where He has prepared His great wedding feast.
We'll drink of His joy and rest in His love.
And take heart, He will love us forever.

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Sermon:

'The love that gives birth to heartfelt obedience.'

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head,
my God, my portion and my living bread;
in Him I live, upon Him cast my care;
He saves from death, destruction and despair.

He is my refuge in each deep distress;
the Lord my strength and glorious
righteousness;
through floods and flames He leads me safely
on,
and daily makes His sovereign goodness
known.

My every need He richly will supply;
nor will His mercy ever let me die;
in Him there dwells a treasure all divine,
and matchless grace has made that treasure
mine.

O that my soul could love and praise Him more,
His beauties trace, His majesty adore;
live near His heart, upon my Saviour lean,
obey His voice and all His will esteem.

William Gadsby (1773-1844)

Close:

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