THE CHAPEL of CYPRESS COVE

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost July 31, 2022

Mary Reed, Assistant Music Director - Jim Wert, Pianist - Bill Dawson, Organist -Gloria St Onge, Worship Leader

God Calls Us To Worship And Praise Him. Let Us Do This Today And **Every Day!**

THE PRELUDE

"Let's Just Praise The Lord"

Jim Wert, Piano

THE PROCESSIONAL

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

No 162

THE WELCOME, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESPONSE, **PRESENTATION**

"Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place. I Can Feel His Mighty Power And His Grace. I Can Hear The Brush Of Angel's Wings. I See Glory On Each Face. Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us in every way.

PEOPLE: OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE THAT HOPE AND SAVE US FROM EVIL SITUATIONS.

Leader: We are brought here today to be healed of our fears and uncertainties.

PEOPLE: HEAL US, LORD JESUS, WITH YOUR LOVE AND POWER AND SAVING GRACE AS WE WORSHIP YOU.

Leader: Come, let us receive the vision and redemptive love of God. EVERYONE: PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO BROUGHT TO US THE SAVING GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST WHO CONTINUES TO BLESS AND RESTORE US. AMEN.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE No 110

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE PRAYER FOR OUR SINFUL ACTIONS (Unison)

LOVING GOD, YOU ARE ALWAYS READY TO FORGIVE OUR SINS. WE ARE MUCH LESS EAGER TO FORGIVE THOSE WITH WHOM WE DISAGREE. SO OFTEN WHEN WE HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR STRANGERS, WE ESCALATE THE CONFLICT RATHER THAN WORKING FOR UNITY. AT TIMES WE RESIST YOUR CALL TO BE AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION. FORGIVE US FOR THESE AND ALL OF OUR SINS, AND HEAR US NOW AS WE CONTINUE TO CONFESS OUR SINS IN SILENCE...

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

"Marching To Zion"

Chancel Choir

This Choral Anthem Is In Honor And Memory Of Former Choir Member **Jim Daniels**

Who Was Also Our First Chapel Of Cypress Cove Board Of Directors President.

Jim Now Joins The Heavenly Choir Singing Praises To Almighty God.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY Jim Wert, Piano

"Love Lifted Me"

PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE PLATES AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE!

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below; Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host, Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Response No 471

THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-39, 42

THE SERMON **Ted Althouse**

"Take This Test - Please!"

Rev.

THE HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

No 397

THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION AND LAITY RESPONSE (Sung in Unison)

"Bless Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love: The Fellowship Of Kindred Minds, Is Like To That Above."

THE POSTLUDE Jim Wert, Piano

"Grace, Love and Fellowship"



Next Sunday: August 07, 2022 SERMON TOPIC:

"Come To The Banquet Meal!" Scripture Reference: Luke 12:35-40

One Altar Flower Arrangement Is Presented By Jo Ahern In Memory Of Choir Member Bill Sadd.

One Altar Flower Arrangement Is Presented By The Chapel Of Cypress Cove In Memory Of Choir Member And First Board President Jim Daniels.

"The ultimate test of faith is not how loudly you praise God in happy times but how deeply you trust him in dark times."

— Rick Warren

"The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God."

— Martyn

Lloyd-Jones



Rev. Ted Althouse, Carol Cessna, Catherine "Kay" Butler (Cheryl Spence Sister), Diana Hoatson (Linda Brown sister), Pat Daniels and Jim Daniels Family, Cal Eells, Richard and Rosemary Ericson, Cindy Fiska, Cyndi Koski, Karrie Lyn, Jack McCarthy, Helen McDermott, Kit Olen, Pat Rhoda,

Dot Streck, Aline Wolf, and all other individuals who need God's healing touch. Pray For Healing And Peace Of Our Country Under The Siege Of Gun Warfare And Ending of Ukrainian War.



DOES GOD TEST US?

In both the Old and New Testaments, the word "test" means "to prove by trial and error." Therefore, when God tests us, His purpose is to prove that our faith is real. Not that God needs to prove it to

Himself since He knows all things, but He is proving to us that our faith (fruits of his knowledge) is real, that we are truly His children, and that no test/trial will overcome our faith. The apostle James goes on to say that testing is a blessing because, when the testing is over and we have "stood the test; "we will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12). Testing comes from our heavenly Father who works all things together for the good for those who love Him and who are called to be the children of God. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). The testing or trials we undergo come in various ways. Becoming a Christian will often require us to move out of our comfort zones and into the unknown. Perseverance in testing results in spiritual maturity and completeness. This is why James wrote, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds" (James 1:2). The testing of faith can come in small ways and daily irritations; they may also be severe afflictions and attacks from Satan. "So, Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head." (Job 2:7). Whatever the source of the testing, it is to our benefit to sometimes undergo the trials that God allows to know and feel HE is with us. The account of Job is a perfect example of God's allowing one of His saints to be tested by the devil. Job bore all his trials patiently and "did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing" (Job 1:22). However, the account of Job's testing is proof that Satan's ability to try us is limited by God's sovereign control. No demon can test or afflict us beyond what God has ordained if we are a part of an earthly family and believe in Him All our trials work toward God's perfect purpose and to our own benefit and others. When we experience the storms of life, we should be like the tree that digs its roots ever more deeply for a greater grip in the earth. As a Christian, we must "dig our roots" more deeply into God's Word, prayer and cling to His promises so we can weather whatever storms come against us. Most comforting of all, we know that God will never allow us to be tested beyond what we are able to handle by His power. His grace is sufficient for us, and His power is made perfect in our weakness. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9). Tests in Life? Yes, because we live in a sin-filled world! But remember, we are never alone...God is with us always through every test.

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