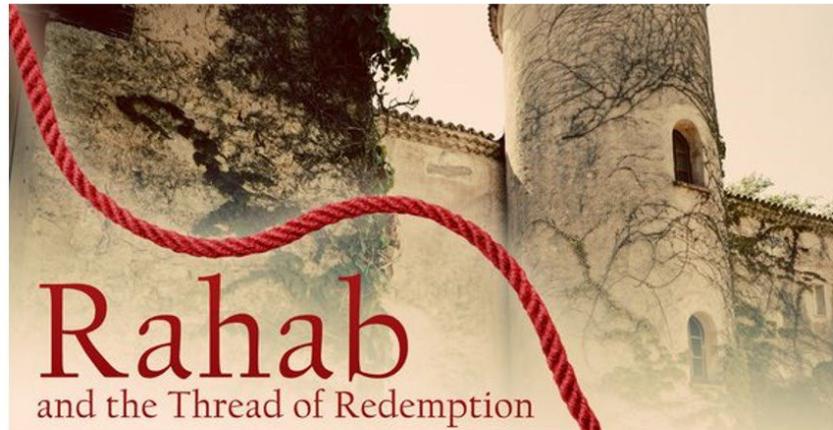


The Book of Joshua



Ebensburg Presbyterian ***11th Sunday after Pentecost*** ***August 8, 2021***

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GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the grace that is at work in us through the gift of your Holy Spirit poured out upon us in baptism. Let your grace and peace grow in us as we worship you and listen to your word of life this morning. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Psalm 34

Give praise to the LORD and let us exalt God's name together.

We sought the Lord, and God answered us.

God delivered us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who take refuge in God,

let us worship the Lord our God.

*HYMN # 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*CALL TO CONFESSION: Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and turns away from their sins will find compassion and mercy.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Hear our prayer, O God of grace.

You have called us to wear truth as a garment, but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask.

You have called us to struggle against evil in this world, but in-stead, we struggle for success and for power.

You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.

Hear our prayer, O God of grace. Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.

Wash us in your mercy,

and make us imitators of your compassion. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively) Isaiah 12:2-3

The LORD is our strength and our defense, and he has become our-salvation.
With joy we will draw water of mercy and forgiveness from the wells of salvation.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and sent!

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(in unison)*

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ephesians 2:11-22 Page 949

SECOND READING: Joshua 2:8-16 Page 169

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "THE SCARLET CORD OF SALVATION"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of surprises, you have called a small community of Israel and made them into a big nation for your own name. You have kept your promises and fulfilled them by delivering your people from the agony of slavery and helped them cross over to the promise land. You have restored the hope of the people who have called upon you.

Lord, we know you have not given up on us. We pray that you would make your face shine, reveal yourself to us, cast out fears and protect us. Repeat your

miraculous and wondrous deeds in our days and make the mystery of your love known to us your church as you manifested yourself to Israel.

Therefore, we pray to you O Lord, because we want to believe you hear us and are at work in our 21st century world. We pray for the world around us. Give wisdom to the leaders, that they pursue peace instead of war and show compassion in their decisions. We pray for this community. Put away all bitterness and anger among us. Teach us to be kind and tenderhearted, ready to forgive, live in love and care for one another. Make this church and this community keepers of each other.

God, may you listen to the voices of those who cry to you; de-liver them from every trouble, so that they may taste and see your goodness. As you provide for us each day Lord, nourish and strengthen us in faith and faithfulness; fight with strength and determination in this world of spiritual warfare, so that we may share your grace in a hungry world through Jesus Christ, the mighty warrior and bread of life. Set our feet on a safe place and empower us to triumph over our troubles as Jesus Christ taught us to pray,

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

*HYMN #379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION (*responsively*) 2 Pet. 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory
both now and to the day of eternity. **Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Jim Brown

Len Dixon

Donald Lewis

Anne Sedor Johnson

Jeff Vietmeier

Michael Weller

Chris Wolfe

Ashton Dixon

Father Patrick V. Kirsch

Jamie

John Magyar

Colleen Wagner

Randy Wike

Todd Youngblood

PSALM 34:1-8
GOD IS GOOD

¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

GOD

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain

lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562