



Vineville
Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

LIVE STREAM

MARCH 22, 2020

Ann Caldwell, organist

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude *Choral from Fifth Sonata* Mendelssohn

Welcome and Invocation Richard Kremer

Meditation *Shall We Gather at the River* Young

Old Testament Reading Psalm 24 Leigh Halverson

Hymn 354 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth - his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honor give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children
In his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain:

**Praise him! praise him! tell of his excellent greatness!
Praise him! praise him! ever in joyful song!**

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail him! hail him! Jesus the Crucified!
Sound his praises - Jesus who bore our sorrows
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong: [Refrain]

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever,
Crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong: [Refrain]

Children's Sermon Leigh Halverson

The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:25-33 Melissa Kremer

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed
 Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
 Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
 Will be stripped away by the power of Your love

Hold me close let Your love surround me
 Bring me near, draw me to Your side;
 And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
 And I will soar with You,
 Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

Lord, unveil my eyes; let me see You face to face
 The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
 Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
 In living every day by the power of Your love.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:6-11

Angela Blizzard

Pastoral Prayer

Richard Kremer

Hymn 171

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down;
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity I'll sing on!

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-5

Richard Kremer

Sermon

"Freed for Newness of Life"

Richard Kremer

Hymn of Response

Living for Jesus

LIVING

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
 Striving to please Him in all that I do;
 Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
 This is the pathway of blessing for me.

**O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
 I give myself to Thee,
 For Thou, in Thine atonement
 Didst give Thyself for me;**

**I own no other Master,
My heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.**

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude

Grant Us Peace

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Vineville Church Family,

I hope that this *Vision* column finds you coping with the upheaval that has been foisted upon us all by the threat of the covid-19 coronavirus. I am using this column to update you on the church's plans for the next few weeks.

I have tried to glean as much information from infectious disease control experts as I could, and the consensus expressed by all of them seems to be that this crisis will not be short-lived. That being the case, I have consulted with sundry church leaders, including Kathy Kendrick, our deacon chair, and Todd Smith, chair of church council, and we have agreed that the only wise course of action is to extend our cancellation of activities on our church campus through the first week of April, up to and including Saturday, April 4. We are leaving open the possibility of reconvening as a church body on Palm Sunday, April 5. Whether this is truly feasible or not will depend upon how the situation develops in the intervening days.

I hope that many of you were able to access my online Bible study in John this past Wednesday night. Or, if you missed it, you can still watch it at your convenience, either on our church Facebook page, our website, or through the archive of our live-streaming services. Of course we will livestream the Sunday service at the regular 10:45 am time this Sunday, March 22, and plan to do so again next Sunday, March 29 at our usual worship time. I will also be delivering another Bible study in John next Wednesday through our remote media.

I remind you again, if you have not yet signed up for our church email, now is the perfect time to do so by calling the church office or emailing Ginny at gferguson@vbcmacon.org. Also, though the church office remains open, keeping regular office hours so you can come by and deliver your tithe or offering, you can simply mail your donation in – or use our online giving system at www.vinevillebaptist.org. Again, I remind you, this might be the perfect time to set up an online account with your bank, so your gift to the church can be deducted from your account automatically without the church incurring any expense.

By the way, if you have not visited our website lately, be sure to do so. It is new and improved! As I have noted in this column, valuable information about the church's life and worship are to be found there. Providentially, Charles Schaible and Brent Lanford, among others, have worked assiduously in the past few weeks to have this new website up and running just when we most need it. Take advantage of their hard work at www.vbcmacon.org!

It is my fervent hope and prayer that however long our absence from each other will be, our physical separation may ultimately intensify our gratitude for how privileged we will be to gather again in the fellowship of kindred spirits and the worship of our Lord. Circumstances may force us to endure physical isolation for some indeterminate time, but may we covenant together as a family of God to not let physical isolation lapse into spiritual and emotional isolation at a time when we most need mutual nurture.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE

Vineville will host an emergency blood drive on Thursday, April 2 from 2:00 - 7:00 pm in the Activities Building.

EVENT POSTPONED

The 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Frances and Jim McNorrill has been postponed.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF MARCH 15

Budget Offering	\$15,972
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$2,256
YTD Budget Contributions	\$153,956

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Kathy Kendrick. Next week is Charles Schaible.

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music & Youth
Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family & Education
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Kathy McCray	Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Kathy Kendrick	256-3468
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Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Kay Defore	476-9986
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
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Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289

They all
continued
with one
accord in
prayer +
supplication.
Acts 1:14