

as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

SERMON

"Rest"

Gary Purdy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

9 am service

We invite you to come forward to join in prayer for your physical, emotional, or spiritual needs.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:15 am service

Matt and Cameron Moreland bringing David Matthew
Tim and Megan Westcott bringing Benjamin Allen

"Jesus Cast a Look on Me"

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity.
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside.
Bid my will to thine submit, lay me humbly at thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled,
seeing only in thy light, walking only in thy might.

Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest,
feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give.
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

BENEDICTION

Next week's scripture: Exodus 16

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Our souls need more than a respite. We need a sanctuary in time. We desperately need to hear the delight of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bubble up through the beauty of creation. In the face of stress and suffering and loneliness we are summoned to sanctify and make holy a day for delight.
—Dan Allender from Sabbath

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Come and Welcome"

From the cross uplifted high, where the Savior deigns to die,
what melodious sounds I hear, bursting on my ravished ear.
Love's redeeming work is done. Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne, why beneath thy burdens groan.
On my pierced body laid, justice owns the ransom paid.
Bow the knee and kiss the Son. Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board, see with richest dainties stored.
To thy Father's bosom pressed, yet again a child confessed,
never from his house to roam. Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end. Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend.
Safe your spirit to convey to the realms of endless day,
up to my eternal home. Come and welcome, sinner, come.
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we confess that we do not rest in your peace. We do not relax in your grace. We chase vain ambitions; we are filled with pride. Forgive us Father. We bring our burdens to you; even now we lay them at your feet. May we find our soul's satisfaction in you and you alone. In Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Matthew 11:28-30

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.
—from *The Message*

“Be Still My Soul”

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

OFFERING

“Psalm 23”

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me, he leads me, my Shepherd leads me.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear, I will fear no evil.
For you O Lord are with me, your rod and staff they comfort me,
so I will fear, I will fear no evil.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in your house O Lord forever.

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 13:15-22

¹⁵In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food. ¹⁶Tyrians also, who lived in the city,

brought in fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah, in Jerusalem itself! ¹⁷Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? ¹⁸Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath.”

¹⁹As soon as it began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, that no load might be brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹But I warned them and said to them, “Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you.” From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. ²²Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” ²⁷And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” ⁴And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Hebrews 4:1-10

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest,