

Sermon
A World Without God

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Thine is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

Benediction

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Postlude

Kyle Mazur

Go My Children With My Blessing arr. Kyle Mazur

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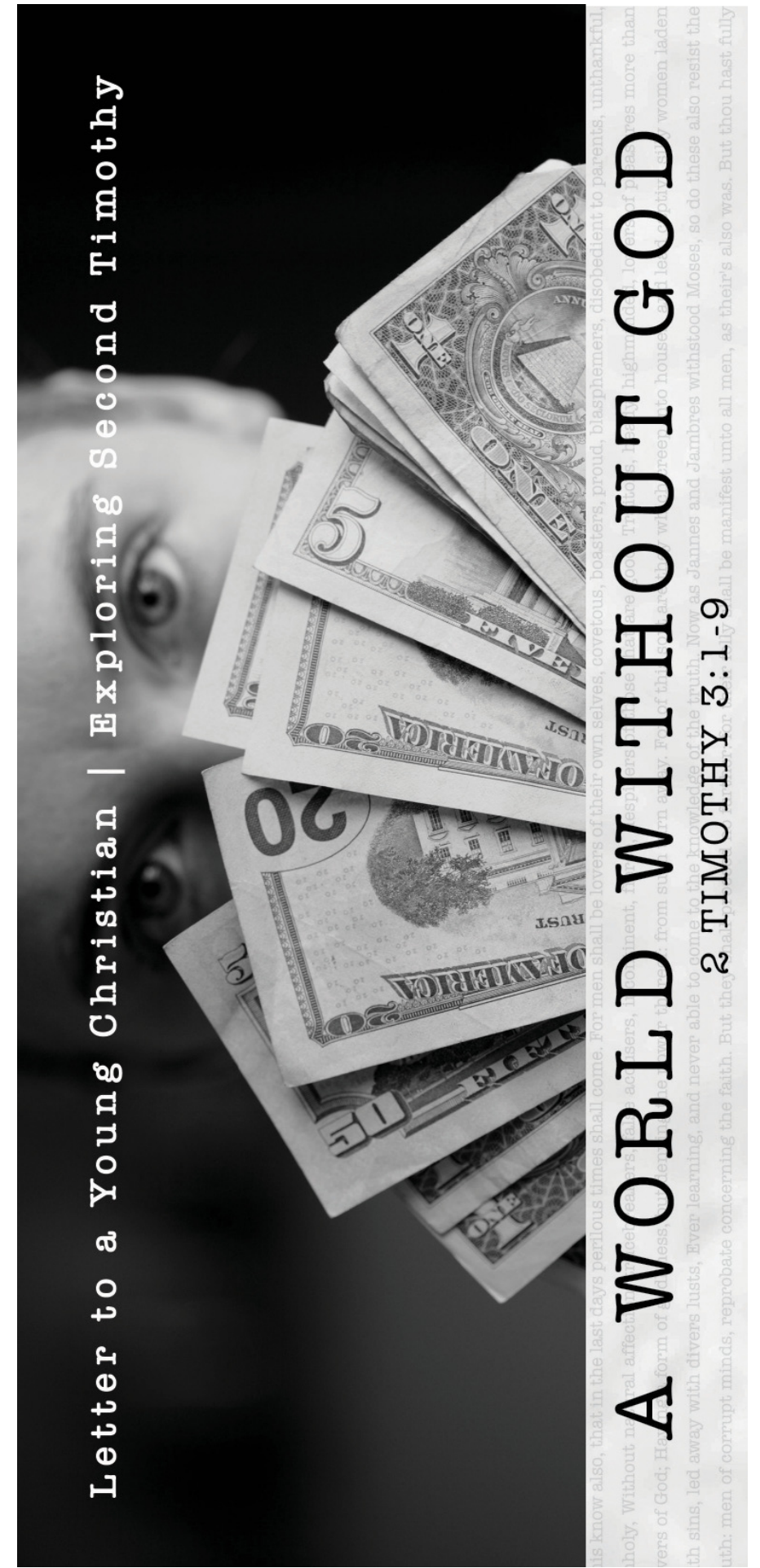
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Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Daniel Sachs
Thy Word arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship (Psalm 33) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous!

People: It is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

Leader: Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

People: The Lord loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him, for he spoke, and it came to be. He commanded, and it stood firm.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord, he is our help and shield.

Leader: In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

All: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

*Opening Hymn

Christ Arose!

Low in the grave he lay—
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day—
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed—
Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord. (Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey—
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away—
Jesus my Lord. (Refrain)

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession Andrew Johnson 8:30
Rachel Jaynes 10:00

Gracious Heavenly Father, at the root of all of our sins is the ancient sin of Adam and Eve – the desire to be like God. Instead of serving you, we want to take your place. Instead of trusting you, we want to be in control. Instead of acknowledging you as our Creator, we are self-centered. Instead of humbling ourselves, we imagine that we can build a better world without you. As a result, our world is filled with pain, misery and broken relationships. Lord, forgive us. Lord, have mercy on us. Help us to understand that you are the vine and we are only the branches. Without you, we can do nothing. Without you, we wither and perish. You are the source of all life, hope, joy, peace and healing. By your Holy Spirit, may we turn to you this morning and receive the life you offer. By your grace, remind us again that YOU are God and we are not. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen! Amen!

Prayers of the People The Rev. John Morris

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication Gary Ensing 8:30
Marge Cunningham 10:00

Offertory Rachel and Daniel Sachs
How I Love Your Word arr. Mark Hayes

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Adam Waits 8:30
Romans 1:18-25 Rick Oliver 10:00

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.²⁴ Therefore God gave them

over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today
I know that He is living whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near

Chorus

He lives, He lives Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives He lives Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last (Chorus)

Rejoice rejoice O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King
The Hope of all who seek Him the Help of all who find
None other is so loving so good and kind (Chorus)

Video testimony: Beth Gully

Second Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:1-9

¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.⁶ They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,⁷ always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.⁹ But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.