

## March 1-Written Service

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### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Leader: The storm clouds gather, and the waters rise, but God provides a place of safety.

All: "Make yourself an ark," the Lord commanded, for He is our shelter in the flood.

Leader: God does not leave us to the wind and waves; He establishes His covenant with us.

All: We enter this house of worship as an ark of hope, trusting in the promises of the One who keeps us.

### Song: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life;

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way;

From the earth to the cross,

My debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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### **Prayer**

#### **Song: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong?

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that keep us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
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### **Announcements**

**Special Music: If you need to build an ark, I Noah Man sung by the Sunday school students**

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Song: #305- Jesus Paid it All (vs. 1,3,4)**

VERSE 1

I hear the Savior say,  
'Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.'

VERSE 2

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

VERSE 3

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

VERSE 4

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
'Jesus died my soul to save,'  
My lips shall still repeat.

#### CHORUS

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

#### **Offering/Offertory**

**Offering Song: O How He Loves You and Me**

**Offering prayer**

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture – Genesis 6: 5-18**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

<sup>7</sup>So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

<sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

<sup>10</sup>Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence.

<sup>12</sup>God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

<sup>13</sup>So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

<sup>14</sup>So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

<sup>15</sup>This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.

<sup>16</sup>Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

<sup>17</sup>I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

<sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

## Message

Intro-review Easter Eggs

Hidden details, inside jokes

Like these from Evan Almighty

License plate is actually part of our Scripture today

We're spending these weeks looking at hidden parallels, Easter Eggs, in the Old Testament that point to Jesus

Today's story is Noah from Geneses 6:5-18

Passage describes humanity with the words wicked, evil, corrupt, violent

Contrast that with how it portrays Noah-found favor in God's eyes, righteous, blameless, faithful

This is why Noah was saved, because he was righteous

Now, we can dive into Noah being righteous before God and not being perfect

The same for Job, the same for David, the same for Lot

There's a difference between being completely something and usually something

In all of those cases, it seems to be more about their honest, humble reliance on God as redeemer, shepherd, and rescuer

Jesus is the only one fully, wholly righteous in Himself

But where we're going to spend more time this morning is looking at the question, "what about Noah's family?"

Was his wife righteous?

Were his sons?

What about his daughters-in-law?

We have no real evidence one way or the other how they were before the flood

After the flood, we have some stories that aren't completely flattering

But that's true for Noah as well

What we do have is the connect between Noah being righteous and God sparing him (along with his family and all the animals)

They were saved because he was righteous

Only way to be saved is to go with Noah

Only someone righteous could be saved and could save others

You see where we're going with this?

That's the Easter Egg for today

Jesus was righteous

Rest of us are condemned by our own actions and our own fallen nature

But Jesus was different on both counts

And it's only through His righteousness that we are saved

He was righteous and when we're with Him, we climb aboard the ark and find life in the middle of all the chaos and destruction

Romans 5:17-19 says it like this

<sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

That tells us about the righteousness of Jesus brings justification and life

Everyone living today can trace their lives back to Noah

Humanity has been fruitful and multiplied since then

Everyone who finds eternal life traces that back to Jesus

First one, then maybe a dozen, then thousands, now billions across the millenia

We too are called to be fruitful and multiply the good news about Jesus

And here is it:

This cross is our ark

We aren't righteous enough to be saved on our own

The Bible doesn't tell us that Noah's wife, sons, and daughters-in-law were righteous

Noah was

But they joined him in the ark and were rescued

Jesus is righteous, not us

But we join Him here

And His righteousness rescues us

**Song: #353- Victory In Jesus (vs. 1,2)**

I heard an old, old story,  
How a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me.

I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
My Savior forever!  
He sought me and bo't me  
With His redeeming blood.

He loved me ere I knew Him,  
And all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory

Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing,  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see.

And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and bro't  
To me the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
My Savior forever!  
He sought me and bo't me  
With His redeeming blood.

He loved me ere I knew Him,  
And all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**