

# The Lord's Day

April 7, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Romans 8:37-39 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 499) [Psalm 95: 1-3](#)  
(responsive reading)

\* Hymn 302 [Come, Christians, Join to Sing](#) MADIRD

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 484) [Psalm 71:1-11](#)  
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 944) [Romans 8:31-39](#)

\*\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn (insert) *Before the Throne of God Above* arr. V. Cook

\*\* Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *No Match for the Lord* Pastor Will Snyder  
Text: [Zechariah 6:1-8](#) (Bible, p. 795)

\* Hymn 575 [Soldiers of Christ, Arise](#) DIADEMATA

\* Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, #56

Leader: What Do You Believe Concerning "The Forgiveness of Sins"?

I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins, nor my sinful nature, which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

The Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering

\* Hymn 431 [A Parting Hymn We Sing](#) SCHUMANN

\* Benediction

Postlude

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*As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.*

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

**Communion Reminder:** The outside rows on each cup tray contain grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker served is gluten-free.

## Sunday Evening Praise, 6:00 PM:

Our Sunday evening gathering of praise starts at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come sing, pray, and hear from God's Word to close out your Lord's Day rest.

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

# Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the Throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands;  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in Heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God;  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

April 7, 2024

**Worship Leader:** Richard Jones  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Jeff Edwards  
**Ushers:** Scott Bolliger  
**Nursery:** Eleanor Hong, Natalie Snyder  
*10:30 (Worship)*  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Warren Shepherding Group

**Evening:**

April 14, 2024

**Worship Leader:** Doug Fox  
**Greeters:**  
**Deacon in Charge:** Walter Mayo  
**Ushers:** Peter Benedict  
**Nursery:** Kevin Hilinski, Julia Robinson  
*10:30 (Worship)*  
**Coffee Clean-up:** Warren Shepherding Group

**Evening:** *Shepherding Groups-  
No Evening Service*

## This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	9:00 AM	All Church Workday
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class
		Discovery Class
	12:00 PM	Shepherding Groups

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

The Spring All-Church Workday is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with donuts and coffee at **9:00 AM**. We are hoping to accomplish various indoor and outdoor tasks and we have jobs for people of all ages and abilities. Please see the sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall and consider how you may help us maintain the lovely building and grounds God has given us. (There is a rain date of Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for outdoor tasks – indoor tasks can be done rain or shine!)

#### LADIES TEA & TESTIMONY

On **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**, we're having a Tea & Testimony at the church. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the clipboard on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Consider bringing a light snack to share. If needed, babysitting will be provided. Please let us know if you need it so we can schedule sitters. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Ohlund or Debbie Goodale. This tea will be open to teens in high school.



### CIVATAS SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL

The Civitas School will host an informational event for the spring, “Magistras et Majestas: Education and the Glory of God” on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:30 at the Presbyterian Church of Manchester.** The morning will include a chapel service, a series of brief lessons taught by Civitas teachers (what can algebra, composition, music, biblical literacy, engineering, and literature teach us about Christ?), a Q&A about Christian education, and luncheon. Come be a Civitas student for a morning and see how the pursuit of knowledge reveals the majesty of God, and how the liberal arts teach us to surrender ourselves in worship. Anyone interested in the mission and work of Civitas is encouraged to attend. For more information please visit: [www.civitasschool.org/events](http://www.civitasschool.org/events)

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A Wednesday afternoon Bible study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. We are studying 1-2 Corinthians.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office (860) 742-7222.

#### WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES

The women’s Bible study of Romans will be taking a short break for about a month. I will be considering a new time for the study so please contact me if you have any suggestions. Thank you! Debbie Goodale 860-455-6579.

The next women’s Zoom Bible study will be on **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.** We will continue studying the book of Mark.

Please contact Elizabeth Koopman ([e.koopman61@gmail.com](mailto:e.koopman61@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

#### MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** Please come and enjoy food and fellowship.

Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142) or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

### WATER COOLERS

In order to reduce costs, and the amount of recycling, the Deacons have purchased two (2) water coolers that are located at the coffee station and in the kitchen. We encourage you to bring water bottles (with lids) or use the provided cups. The 7oz plastic water bottles are reserved for use by our Worship leaders.

### FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God’s glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers, please use the flower calendar found on the Women’s Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased.



## *Notes for the Preaching of God's Word*

### *No Match for the Lord*

Zechariah 6:1-8

**Main Preaching Point:** Engage in the spiritual battle to which the Lord has called you, not fearing the intimidation of the world or evil one, and pursuing the rest found in the victory of God.

- The Nature of the Christian Fight: A Spiritual Battle
- The Enemy's Strategy: Intimidation
- The Believer's Rest in the Rest of God: Final Victory

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 6:1-8

Title: No Match for the Lord

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

#### The Nature of the Christian Fight: A Spiritual Battle

2. Recall the overall context of the book of Zechariah. When did he minister as a Prophet? Who is he ministering to? What are some of the challenges that God's people face in his day?

3. In considering Zechariah 6:1-8, the 8<sup>th</sup> and final vision, discuss the bigger picture of what this vision entails. What images are involved? What do chariots represent and where are the chariots going?

- According to the sermon what do the two bronze pillars represent? How do the chariots coming forth from between them communicate God's power and victory? Discuss.

4. V.5 might be well translated, "these are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world." The Hebrew word for 'wind' (ruakh) is the same word for 'spirit'. Thus, what the winds represent is God's divine power at work in the world. How does this passage and vision perhaps emphasize the spiritual nature of the believer's battle in the world? Discuss.

- Read Ephesians 6:10-12. In what way(s) can the church fight the wrong battles in the world? Given that the world is without God and outside of Christ, what does Paul mean that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood..."? Discuss.
- What are the weapons that believer's are called to put to use in our Christian fight? Explain.

#### The Enemy's Strategy: Intimidation

5. The vision as a whole implies that God's people have enemies—that there is a war to be fought and that the world opposes the people of God. Is intimidation a strategy that the world and evil one uses against the people of God? If so, give examples. Read Isaiah 41:10.

#### The Believer's Rest in the Rest of God: Final Victory

6. Read v.7-8. What does the "north country" represent? And what does it mean that God's Spirit is at rest? Read Genesis 2:1-2. What is the "rest" of God? How do we enter God's rest? How does this relate to the gospel of Jesus Christ?