

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

April 2, 2017
Six O'clock

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I'm not the point—that it's not all about me. I rejoice in the fact that all of history is pointing toward the Day when you will finally, and fully, receive all the worship and love you deserve, from your redeemed people and the restored creation. For indeed, you alone are worthy of such honor, praise, and glory.

That being said, it's profoundly humbling—even astonishing to realize how much you make of us. Knowing you've forgiven all of our sins is more than enough reason to praise you for all eternity. Grasping that you've robed us with your own righteousness is reason to praise you for ten eternities. But to "get" that the righteousness with which you've clothed us in the gospel is actually a wedding garment is staggering.

You've made a most unlikely, ill-deserving people your Bride and queen. This isn't just another Cinderella story. There was nothing about us, or in us, that made us attractive to you. We have more in common with the mean stepmother and the two conniving stepsisters, that Cinderella. But you've made us your own; you died for us, and now you live for us, and you actually cherish us. What wondrous love is this, indeed?

And you're actively preparing us for yourself, through the riches of the gospel and the work of the Spirit. One Day we will be radiant with your beauty, for we will see you as you are and we will be made like you (1 John 3:1-1). But on that Day—our wedding day, you won't rejoice in us one bit more than you rejoice in us this day.

I believe this, because only because you say it's so; but I want to believe it with all of my heart, so that, with unfettered abandon, I might love and serve you, more readily and joyfully. Jesus, liberate me, by your delight and for your delight. So very Amen I pray in your matchless and praise-worthy name. (Scotty Smith, *365 Everyday Prayers*)

Call to WorshipZephaniah 3:14-17

MINISTER: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

PEOPLE: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

MINISTER: The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

PEOPLE: The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

ALL: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

InvocationRev. Ben Griffith

Hymn 305Arise, My Soul, Arise

Missions Moment..... Rev. Hunter Brewer
Ministry Coordinator
Mid-South PCA Church Planting Network

Hymn 94 How Firm a Foundation
(Children will be dismissed to 4 Corners on last verse.)

Scripture Reading.....Luke 15:3-7

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Rev. Hunter Brewer
"The One Percent"

Hymn 180 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Benediction

Postlude



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