

# THE LORD’S DAY EVENING

February 25, 2018  
Six O’clock

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*2 Cor. 4:7 – But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

Lord Jesus, ahhh... the life-giving joy of this passage. To have you plus nothing, makes us as rich as anybody in the history of the universe. You are quintessential treasure. To have you plus everything else wouldn’t make us any richer than he who has you alone. You are the treasure all other currencies mimic and counterfeit. Nothing compares to the greatness of knowing you and the wonder of being loved by you.

You inhabit our weakness like a Rembrandt painting in a picture frame of straw; or like the Hope Diamond mounted in a necklace of tin foil and Scotch Tape. You get all the attention and honor, and we get the supreme privilege of simply being used of you. Just as it should be, and just as we want it to be.

*8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

Though few of us are in a season of intense persecution for our faith (like Paul was), nevertheless, we can relate to his images of being hard pressed and perplexed. The stories, demands, and emotional expenditure of life tax our limits and drive us to you—which is a good thing. None of us is called to be the 4th member of the Trinity. None of us is called to be a Super-Hero. None of us is called to be awesome. All of us are called to own our limits, rest in your love, and trust in your sovereignty.

*10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

So as this [week] begins, grant us grace to boast in our weaknesses, that your beauty, goodness, and kindness might be revealed through us. Jesus, help us die to our unrealistic to-do lists, and fear of not getting everything done. May your cross and resurrection shape our thinking, feeling, and doing. So very Amen we pray, in your tender and triumphant name. (Scotty Smith, *365 Everyday Prayers*)

## Call to Worship ..... Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## Invocation .....Rev. Knox Baird

## Songbook 54 ..... Lead On, O King Eternal

## Responsive Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

MINISTER: I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

PEOPLE: **Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**

MINISTER: For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

PEOPLE: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
ALL: Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Songbook 22 ..... Come, Ye Sinners  
*(Children will be dismissed to 4 Corners on last verse.)*

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon ..... Mr. Matthew Wiggins

Hymn Insert ..... Let Me Find Thee

Benediction

Postlude



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