



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 19th, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "O Worship the King"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace

Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign"

The Reading of the Word — *Genesis 22:1-14* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "Lead On O King Eternal"

The Sermon — *"The Word of Life" (1 John 1:1-4)* Tiago Oliveira

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "A Child of the King"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"Salvation is in God's Hands" (Exodus 5:22-6:13)* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

We are fully persuaded that God the Father would never have given up his only-begotten Son to die for human guilt, if there had been any other way of saving lost sinners; and also that Jesus Christ would never have taken upon himself the awful burden of human guilt, and agreed to be bruised of the Father, if it had not been absolutely essential that he should die, or that man should, or that justice should; it must have been one of the three. God the Father agreed with God the Son that this colossal sacrifice was necessary; my soul, dost thou also agree that it was necessary? Hast thou seen that there was no loophole for thine escape except through the bleeding Savior's wounds? Wilt thou admit now, with all thine heart, that the Father's wisdom was right, and that the Son's wisdom was right? Has the Spirit of God taught thee that this was the best plan of salvation that could possibly have been devised? Looting all around, hast thou come to the conclusion that there is no salvation by works, and no salvation by tears, and no salvation anywhere but by the blood of God's only-begotten and well-beloved Son? If any of you have come to that conclusion, you have thereby entered into fellowship with the Father, and with the Son, for they have long ago come to the same conclusion. While you are sitting around the communion table, endeavor so to think of the sufferings of Christy that you willy in your measure, enter into the moods of his mind while he was suffering for you. As he felt a great horror of sin, pray the Lord to make you feel intense horror of it, and let the very thought of it wound you as it wounded

him. He felt the shame of sin; then ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how shameful it is. In your mind and heart, crown sin with a crown of thorns like that with which it crowned your Lord; and spit at sin, and scoff at sin, even as sin did scoff and spit at your Lord. Yet further, our Lord Jesus felt that justice must be honored; so feel in your soul, as you come to the communion, that the justice of God must be honored, and magnified, and glorified. Have fellowship with Christ in feeling that, cost what it may, God must never be unjust. Agree to that in your heart of hearts, and you will be having fellowship with the Father, and with the Son, while you are so agreeing. Go over, in your mind, all the griefs and woes that your dear Lord endured, and recollect how he resolved that, for the joy that was set before him, they were all things to be despised. Do you feel that any losses and crosses which you may have to bear for his sake, or any scorn or persecution that may ever come upon you because you belong to Christ, are things that are only to be reckoned as the small dust of the balance in comparison with the glory of God? Then, you are drinking of Christ's cup, and being baptized with his baptism, and having fellowship with him in his sufferings. Let your thoughts travel along the road to Gethsemane, and from Gethsemane to the accursed gibbet on the hill of Calvary; in your meditation, follow your Lord, and ask him to let you drink of the brook by the way, as he did, that you also may lift up your head; and in that way you will have fellowship with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

March 19th
<i>Morning</i> Dumi Thakkar & Katie Crocker
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Elise de Waal & Mary Price
<i>Wednesday - March 22nd</i> Jessica Mullins & Bethany Wallace

Today's Sound Operator - Seth Lirette



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today, Pastor Tiago Oliveira will preach for us during the morning service. Pastor Tiago is a former elder at Grace, current pastor at First Baptist Church Lisbon in Portugal and Director of Martin Bucer Seminary in Lisbon, Portugal.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We will have a light meal today immediately following the morning service, since the Oliveira's will be with us. We look forward to this time of fellowship together with the Oliveiras.

