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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Robert Smith

Choral Introit

Call to Worship I Samuel 15:22 & Psalm 51:16-17

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*Choral Benediction No. 295 *Revive Us Again* (refrain)

Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!

Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

*Postlude

Lessons Learned Through Trials: (Luke 22:66-23:25)

Trial 1: Illustration of Prejudice: Prejudicial treatment by the 'faithful' Council of the Elders - (Blind Justice) [22:66-71]

Trial 2: Value of Character: Christ's Character results in fair treatment by the Roman Government. [23:1-7]

Trial 3: Danger of Bullying: Peer Pressure turns Herod's Admiration into Ridicule [23:8-12]

Trial 4: A Snap Shot of Grace: The verdict that saved the world - the just for the unjust. [23:13-25]

Character - That Inner Fiber That Defines the Person:

(Luke 23:1-7)

I. Chronology of the trial before Pilate:

A. Primary Accusations - subverting our nation. (1-2)

1. Opposes payment of taxes to Caesar.

2. Claims to be Christ, a king.

B. Pilate questions Jesus: (3)

1. "Are you the king of the Jews?" (Pilate)

2. "Yes, it is as you say." (Jesus)

John reveals the rest of the interrogation: (John 18:33ff)

Character: "the inherent complex of attributes that determines a persons moral and ethical actions and reactions"

C. Pilate's verdict: "I find no basis for a charge against this man." (4)

D. The council insisted with their accusations ... tracing Jesus' travels from Galilee to Jerusalem. (5)

E. Pilate sends Jesus to Herod, because Jesus was a Galilean, under Herod's jurisdiction. (6-7)

II. Application:

A. Healthy relationships are found only when there is awareness of a person's character.

B. Self-centered, sinful character produces self-centered and sinful actions.

C. The Gospel graciously received transforms character.

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"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD?
To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams. (I Samuel 15:22)
¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
^{PS 51:17} The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:16-17)

*Hymns of Praise
No. 295 *Revive Us Again* (vs. 1 & 2)

verse 1
We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Refrain:
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

verse 2
We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

Refrain:
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

No. 106 *Praise Him, Praise Him* (vs. 1& 2)

verse 1
Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;

Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children.
In His arms He carries them all day long:

Refrain:
Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

verse 2
Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

Refrain:
Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

*Invocation Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

Responsive Reading Mr. Robert Smith

- L: On this second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the character of our Savior Jesus Christ.
- P: **Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.** (James 1:12)
- L: May we persevere under the trials we face in our life. May our trials reveal our true character.
- P: ***We know that the testing of our faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*** (James 1:3-4)
- L: May we stand strong in the midst of trial. Please Lord, transform us, by the renewing of our mind - allowing us to cast off the sin that hinders - and run the race marked out for us.

P: **Lord, help us to do our best to present ourselves to God as those approved. May we be workmen who are not ashamed, who correctly apply the word of truth.** (2 Timothy 2:15)

The Anthem

*Doxology

Scripture Reading Luke 23:1-7 Mr. Robert Smith

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

³ So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Morning Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

CHARACTER: That Inner Fiber That Defines the Person

Chronology of Christ’s First Trial before Pilate

*Hymn No. 399 Higher Ground (v 1, chorus, 2, 3, 4 chorus)

I’m pressing on the upward way;
new heights I’m gaining every day—
Still praying as I’m onward bound,
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Chorus:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven’s table-land;
A higher plane than I have found—
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;
tho some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

I want to live above the world, tho Satan’s darts at me are hurled;
for faith has caught the joyful sound,
the song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright;
but still I’ll pray till heav’n I’ve found,
“Lord, lead me on to higher ground.”

Chorus:

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Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

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