

May 3, 2020
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy.

Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Invocation

#53

The Law of Christ:

Gal 5:13-15

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us corporately confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Faithful Father, we come to you in the name and merits of your only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We have nothing to bring to you to acquire your love or buy your favor. You have always been faithful to us, we humbly confess our lack of faithfulness to you in many ways. By anxiety and greed, by anger and impatience, by lust and longing, by envy and gossip, we have not remained faithful to our pledge to follow Christ as your servants. Even though you have sent us your Spirit, we so often follow after our own flesh. We recognize that the Blood of Christ is sufficient to cleanse us from all sin. We plead our case in Him, for we know he has fully satisfied your justice by his sufferings and death. Renew our wills that we may walk in greater conformity to His commands – through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Tim 1:15 - This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: Praise and glory be to God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit our only Savior!

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!** (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: I Am Not Skilled to Understand

#459

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed

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Song: I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
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I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

Children's song
Lord, fill me with compassion
Fill me with your kindness
Fill me with humility
Fill me with Christ likeness.

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-21

Psalter: Ps 46 God Is Our Refuge and Strength

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NT Responsive Reading: Luke 1:12-20

And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John."

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord.

And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

Sermon: Elijah's Departure 2 Kings 2:1-18

Hymn: Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

#518

Song: Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever.
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor, You are Eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name; Be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the Healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name.
(Chorus)

Offering:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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