May 10, 2020 Welcome Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-4

Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. 2 Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. 3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. 4 The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Hymn: Amazing Grace #460

Invocation

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: Great forgiving God of Grace, we come to you to humbly to confess our sin. We are sinners by birth, and by choice. We know that the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that we do not do what we want. There is a desire in our new hearts to serve you but we find a different desire present in us. Forgive that part that seeks to serve the flesh for it taints all that we do. We have followed too much the desires that lead away from you. We have sinned! We thank you that Jesus lived, died and rose again for us in order to present us faultless before you. O Holy Spirit continue to renew us into the image of our blessed Savior and Redeemer the Lord Jesus through whose merits we pray. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Eph 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

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 our Father and to his Son Jesus 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: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457

Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 18 Article 3 p858

Song: All I Have

All I have is by your mercy,
And all I have is all of grace.
All I am is what your love has made of me
Now I am your new creation,
Your workmanship in Jesus Christ,
Made to walk in works you have prepared for me.

Chorus:

I rejoice in all your kindness, and I rejoice in all your goodness. I rejoice in your great love for me.

All I have is from you, Father, the Author of each perfect gift. You gladly give me all things to enjoy in you. You who did not spare your Son But freely gave him for us all, Will you not with joy supply my ev'ry need?

Children's song:

Our God Is Kind

Our God is kind; Our God is good, And may I love Him As I should

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-18

Psalter: Ps 86:1-11 Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord, and Hear #91

NT Responsive Reading: Rom 5:1-2 & 15-21

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin.

For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermon: Water and Bears 2 Kings 2:19-25

Hymn Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

#465

Song: Depth of Mercy

Depth of Mercy! Can there be Mercy reaching even me? God, the just, his wrath forbears, Me, the chief of sinners spares. So many times my heart has strayed From his kind and perfect ways, Making clear my desp'rate need For his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own All the wrongs that I have done. Let me just my sins deplore, Look to you and sin no more. There, for me, the Savior stands Holding forth his wounded hands, Scars which ever cry for me Once condemned but now set free

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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