

August 23, 2020
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Hymn: Shine Thou upon us, Lord
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

1Peter 3:8-11

Leader: The Apostle Peter summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: **Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**My Heavenly Father, If your mercy had bounds, where would my refuge be from your just anger? But your love in Christ is without measure. Therefore I present myself to you with sins - the things I have done which You have forbidden and the things you have commanded me to do which I have left undone- sins against you My Father
sins against you, My Savior and Redeemer
sins against you and your work, O Holy Spirit
sins against my own conscience
sins against the teachings of your word
sins against my neighbors, my family and myself
Do not enter into judgment against me, for I plead no righteousness of my own. But your only Son has been my sacrifice and has granted me his righteous merit. So my only plea is your boundless mercy and your limitless love - through Jesus, Your Son and my Savior. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 32:1-2

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

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: Revive Thy Work O Lord

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

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Song: The Wonder of Your Mercy, Lord

Chorus:

The wonder of your mercy, Lord
The beauty of your grace;
That you would even pardon me
And bring me to this place.
I stand before your holiness,
I can only stand amazed.
The sinless Savior died to make
A Covenant of Grace.

I only want to serve you,
Bring honor to your name,
And though I've often failed you,
Your faithfulness remains.
I'll glory in my weakness,
That I might know your strength;
I will live my life at the cross of Christ
And raise a banner to proclaim

Chorus

You welcome us before you,
Into this holy place,
The brilliance of your glory
Demands our endless praise.
The one and only Savior
Has opened heaven's doors;
We can enter in free from all our sin,

By your cleansing sacrifice.

Chorus

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: 2Kings 13:1-13

Psalter: Ps 149 O Praise Ye the Lord

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NT Responsive Reading: Heb 10:5-23

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.' "

First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made).

Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Sermon: Death of Elisha 2 Kings 13

Lord's Supper

Bread: God Be Merciful to Me

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Cup: My Savior's Love (HWC 512)

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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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