

September 20, 2020  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Isa 11:4-5

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Hymn: Give to Our God Immortal Praise  
Invocation

#3

The Law of Christ:

James 1:19-22

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

**Congregation: My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Loving Heavenly Father your love for us is perfect and complete. Our love for you and one another is fractured, incomplete and conditional. We confess that even our love is tainted with sin, and this is expressed in evil thoughts, unwholesome talk and selfish actions. We need the loving atoning blood of Christ to cleanse us even of our love. Transform us into the image of Christ that we would love others as you have loved us. Through Christ the great Lover of our souls. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 86:3-5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

**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: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (Tune Picardy #193) #318

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 60-61

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

**A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.**

61. Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

**A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.**

Song: He Will Hold Me Fast

[see insert]

Children's song

Keep me true Lord Jesus Keep me true (2X)

There's a race that must be run

Theres a vic'try to be won

Every hour by thy power

Keep me true.

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: 2 Kings 16:1-13

Psalter: Ps50:1-6 The Mighty God, the Lord

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NT Responsive Reading: Rev 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

**Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."**

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

**The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.**

Sermon: Ahaz and His New Altar 2 Kings 16

Lord's Supper

Bread: Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat

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Cup: 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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