September 6, 2020 Welcome Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Hymn: All Glory Be to Thee (Tune: Mit Freuden Zart. NT 4) #102

Invocation

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.

Corporate Confession of sin:

Gracious Lord you have loved us supremely in Christ. You have graciously provided for us in every way by your sovereign mercy. But we are prone to complaining and grumbling against your providence and against one another. We are quick to find fault rather than offer thanks. By this we show a basic self-centeredness. We do not love you and our neighbor as we are commanded to do, but rather we love our own peace, pleasure and comfort. Forgive our ingratitude, our fussing and grumbling about our lot in life. Turn our hearts to rejoice in your goodness and in the glorious salvation we have in Christ. May he be the main focus of our lives and service to him be our primarily motivation for all things. Through Christ our only Savior and Redeemer Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: We Gather Together #363

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed p845

Song: Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer
Our Savior our friend
Creator of the universe
Your goodness knows no end
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting Praise be to You From everlasting to everlasting Praise be to You Oh God

Oh God our Deliverer
And Lord of all grace
How can I stand in silence
When the heavens sing Your praise
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

Children's song
The B-i-b-l-e
Yes that's the Book for me
I stand alone on the Word of God
The B-i-b-l-e

OT Reading: Jer 31:31-40

Psalter: Ps 89:1-4, 14-18, 28&29 My Song Forever Shall Record #99

NT Responsive Reading: 2 Cor. 3:3-12

And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.

Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.

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For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,

Sermon: The Cup of the New Covenant Heb 12:22-24

Intern: Dr Matt Seufert

Lord's Supper

Bread: How Vast the Benefits Divine

Cup: Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly That I, the guilty one may go free?

Chorus: Amazing love, O what sacrifice!

The Son of God, giv'n for me.

My debt He pays, and my death He dies That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected. But O, the blood He shed flowed for me.

Chorus

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers. Come wash your guilt away...live again!

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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