

November 1, 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: All Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Invocation

#4

The Law of Christ:

Eph 4:21-24

Leader: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God when he said:

Congregation: Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Almighty, eternal, most just and gracious God, help me to know that all things are shadows, but You are substance; all things are quicksand, but You are mountain; all things are shifting, but You are anchor; all things are ignorance, but You are wisdom.

You are thrice Holy, yet my life and heart abound with
Apologies not made, repentance not completed, forgiveness not offered,
Brothers not respected, reputations not defended, peace not pursued,
Neighbors not loved, Sabbaths not kept, appetites not restrained,
Parents not honored, spouse not cherished, children not trained,
Prisoners not visited, strangers not clothed, hungry not fed,
Providences ignored, envy unchecked, prayers unspoken,
Fears not conquered, truth not defended, sheep not fed,
Feet unmoved, tongue unbridled, eyes unguarded,
Time wasted, talents wasted, treasure wasted.

Lord Jesus, deliver me from these chains, from the wretchedness of the old man who still lives, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, so that with earnest heart searching I may come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You. I appeal from the throne of Your perfect justice to the throne of your boundless grace. Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me that I am guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but cleansed; Give me perpetual broken heartedness; keep me always clinging to Your cross; flood me every moment with descending grace.

Through the precious blood of Jesus your Son and my Savior - Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Jn 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 7 Article 3

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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 good,
And may I love Him
As I should

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Jer 31:27-39

Psalter: Ps 103 O Come My Soul Bless Thou the Lord

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NT Responsive Reading: Gal 3:9-18

So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

**For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written,
"Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of
the Law, and do them."**

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

**But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by
them."**

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—

for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"--

so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

**To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one
annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.**

¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

**This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not
annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.**

For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise;

but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Sermon: The New Covenant 2 Cor 3:

Intern: Dr Matt Seufert

Lord's Supper

Bread: Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Cup: He Will Hold Me Fast

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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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