

April 25, 2021
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

Hymn: Jesus, My Great High Priest
Invocation

#306

The Law of Christ: 1 Thess. 5:15-22

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

Congregation: Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

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

Corporate Confession of sin: From Ps 51

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds-- they haunt me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner-- yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Cleanse me in the blood of your righteous and only-begotten Son, my Savior the Lord Jesus Christ by whose merit we pray.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 103:2-4

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

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: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#345

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism Q23-25

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Song: Great Are You, Lord

Holy Lord, most holy Lord,
You alone are worthy of my praise.
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,
With all of my heart I sing.

Chorus:

Great are You, Lord;
Worthy of praise,
Holy and true.
Great are You, Lord,
Most holy Lord.

Children's song:

Put them all away; Put them all away
Anger, wrath and hate
Sin mustn't dominate
Put them all away

Put them all away; Put them all away
Slander and evil talk
That's no way to walk
Put them all away.

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: EX 28:40 – 29:9

Psalter: Ps 110 Unto My Lord Jehovah Said (Tune NT #4)

#313

NT Responsive Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race,

a royal priesthood,

a holy nation,

a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Sermon: After the Order of Melchizedek Heb 5:1-6

Lord's Supper

Bread: Rock of Ages

#499

Cup: I Come By the Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place, how can I enter in
When your presence bears no sin
Through Him who poured out His life for me
The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him, and His work alone, I boldly come

Chorus: I come by the Blood
 I come by the Cross
 Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me
 For I dare not stand on my righteousness
 My every hope rests on what Christ has done
 And I come by the Blood

You are the high and exalted King, the One the angels fear
So far above me in every way, Lord how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear
Through Him who laid down His life for me
And ascended to Your side
Through Him, through Jesus alone I boldly come

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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