

May 23, 2021
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps. 103: 20-22

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise
Invocation

#34

The Law of Christ: Phil 2:2-8

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

Congregation: [M]ake my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Gracious God and heavenly Father we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved you with all of our soul nor have we loved you with all of our mind. We know this is the greatest commandment and in not keeping it we recognize and confess that we are great sinners. We have loved ourselves before our neighbor and you. Our agenda, our demands, our comfort and pleasures are so often more important to us than your will and your glory.

Though we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, we still bear the scars of Adam in our everyday lives. Help us! Grant us your mercy.

Help us to see the Gospel more clearly and the Christ of that Gospel most clearly. May the love, mercy and truth of our blessed Savior transform us from the inside out. Make our lives a light before the fallen world, through Jesus our only Savior, Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

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: How Firm a Foundation

#94

Confession of Faith: Confession of faith
Heidelberg Catechism Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong--body and soul, in life and in death--to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song: Creation Sings the Father's Song

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight;
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

CHORUS

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.
Chorus:

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glories of our God and King!
Chorus:

Children's song
There are Three persons in the Godhead
The Father, The Son,
And the Holy Ghost
And these three are one God
The same in substance
And equal in power and glory

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Gen 17:1-16

Psalter: Ps 25:1-7, 10 Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee

#694

NT Responsive Reading: Gal 3:12-22

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.

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.

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God?

Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.

But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Sermon: He Swore by Himself

Heb 6:13-20

Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

#254

Cup: No Condemnation

No con-dem-na-tion now in Christ Je-sus!

Great con-so-la-tion—Je-sus has died!

Our sin laid on Him, full par-don gives us.

Look-ing by faith dim, we're jus-ti-fied!

With judg-ment sure, must God re-com-pense us?

He per-fect-ly just, what is our plea?

This: "Christ is for us! Who is a-gainst us?"

His blood shed for us par-dons, sets free!

In Him and through Him—Christ our De-fend-er!

Prai-ses all due Him, what mys-ter-y!

God in Christ dy-ing as the of-fend-er!

His blood sup-ply-ing our par-don free.

Christ the great sure-ty to those be-liev-ing;

He all the pur-ity God can de-mand

Right-eous-ness given—con-science re-liev-ing!

By blood for-giv-en, in Christ we stand!

To Christ all bles-sing, praise with-out mea-sure!

In Him we're rest-ing, His peace made known.

His all the la-bors—ours all the plea-sure!

God's gra-cious fa-vors through Christ our own.

When there be-fore Him—then, in full glo-ry
We sing our new hymn, new prai-ses give;
'Twill be this old song, of Christ our glo-ry;
Through a-ges told long: "In Christ we live!"

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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