

May 30, 2021  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy.

Hymn: O Worship the King  
Invocation

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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: (adapted from The Valley of Vision and Piercing Heaven)

**O Lord God, We come to you now to seek your forgiveness. Lord we are broken, prone to wander. We find it hard to fight against this foe and these temptations; they cling so closely to us. Lord, we confess that we have not done what you command and have often done what you have forbidden. We have honored you with our words but we have failed to follow you with our lives. We have been tempted to hard-heartedness, pride, selfishness, and unbelief. Father let us not dishonor your name.**

**We plead that you arm us, by your Spirit, to reject the idols that the world, the devil, and our own flesh always lay in our path. Pardon our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered or forgotten; Help us to put these sins to death that we may freely enter into your kingdom, secured for us by your Son, Jesus Christ, his atoning death on the cross and resurrection which brings us to life.**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**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: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 7, Article 5

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Song: I then shall live.

I then shall live.

As one whose been forgiven.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father.

I am his child and I am not afraid.

So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother

The Law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live

as one whose learned compassion.

I've been so loved

That I'll risk loving too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges

I'll dare to see another's point of view

And when relationships demand commitment

Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me

your power and glory, let them shine through me

Your hallowed name, Oh may I bear with honor

And may your living kingdom come in me

THE BREAD OF LIFE! Oh May I share with honor  
And may you feed a hungry world through me

Children's song:

What rule has God given to tell us how to live  
It's the Bible in the Old and New  
It's there that we learn what we are to believe  
And what duty God requires of man.

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Gen 21:5-20

Psalter: Ps 105; 5-11 & 42-45 (Tune Vox Dilecti # 304)

Remember all His miracles,  
The judgments He has done,  
Abrah'ms children, serving Him  
All Jacob's sons, His own.  
He only is the LORD our God;  
His judgments fill the land.  
He keeps in mind His covenant  
That it may always stand.

A thousand ages to endure  
Commanded He His word,  
With Abrah'm made a covenant,  
The promise Isaac heard,  
A law to Jacob He confirmed,  
A bond for Is-ra-el:  
"I will to you give Canaan's land,  
Where you as heir may dwell."

His holy promise He recalled,  
How Abrah'm served Him long.  
He led His people forth with joy,  
His chosen ones with song.  
The nations' lands, the peoples' toil,  
He gave them for their own,  
That they should keep and heed His law.  
O praise the LORD alone.

NT Responsive Reading: Gal 3:27-4:7

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.**

In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

**But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

**So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.**

Sermon: - Children of Promise      Galatians 4:21-31  
Rev Mike Stephan, Asst. Pastor, SPEP

Lord's Supper

Bread: Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless

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Cup: It Should Have Been Me Lord

It Should Have Been Me Lord  
To die on the cross  
Oh I should have suffered  
Eternal loss  
You should have been worshipped  
Instead you were slain  
But Lord by your suffering I've received  
Eternal gain

Chorus:

Lord of Glory, bruised and broken  
Such a wonderful love you've shown to me  
In my darkness, your mercy found me  
And I will thank you Lord,  
Through all eternity  
for saving me.

It Should Have Been Me Lord  
When God hid his face  
But you were rejected  
In deep disgrace  
You should have been honored  
but you took my shame  
to clothe me in your own righteousness  
that I might reign.

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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