June 20, 2021 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: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

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Invocation

The Law of Christ: Matt 22:37-39

Pastor: The Lord Jesus Christ summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

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

Corporate Confession of sin: Great and holy God we could never stand before you by our own righteousness and merit; there is still too much desire for the world in us, and our love for you is both incomplete and insufficient. After all that you have done for us in Christ we still fall short on a daily basis. We need a Redeemer outside of ourselves. We need someone with perfect and complete righteousness to be our substitute. Thank you, for your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, who is our perfect redeemer. Blot out our sin and rebellion, and may our hearts be turned toward him and away from the world. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place #468

Confession of Faith: Westminster, Chapter 7, article 1 p852

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 (tune: Do Lord – verse only)
Jesus fulfilled the Covenant and so we're saved by him (3X)
Praise his name always!

OT Reading: Jer 31:24-34

Psalter: Ps 83 O God No Longer Hold Thy Peace

NT Responsive Reading: Gal 3:11-19

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."

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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.

Sermon: The Better Covenant Heb 8:7-13

Lord's Supper

Bread: Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy

Cup: Depth of Mercy

Depth of Mercy! Can there be Mercy reaching even me? God, the just, his wrath forbears, Me, the chief of sinners spares. So many times my heart has strayed From his kind and perfect ways, Making clear my desp'rate need For his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own All the wrongs that I have done.

Let me just my sins deplore, Look to you and sin no more. There, for me, the Savior stands Holding forth his wounded hands, Scars which ever cry for me Once condemned but now set free

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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