

August 22, 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: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah  
Invocation

#110

The Law of Christ: Eph 4:31-32

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

**Congregation: Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Heavenly Father we call to mind that our old self was crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. We also recall that if we died with Christ, we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. But even though all of that is true, we still sin. We still search out our own way. We still pursue life and the longings of our hearts as though we were God and were to receive all the glory. We confess our brokenness, our corruption, our remaining deadness, our incessant striving to have life our way. We are most grateful for Christ who has accomplished our redemption, forgiven our sin and given us new life. May that new life blossom and flourish for our good and your glory, through Christ our Risen & Reigning Lord, Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Eph 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

**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: Our God Our Help in Ages Past

#30

Confession of Faith: *3<sup>rd</sup> stanza of the Te Deum Laudamus*  
*a 4<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn*

You are the King of Glory, O Christ.  
You are the Everlasting Son of the Father.  
When you took upon yourself to deliver mankind,  
You humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.  
When you overcame the sharpness of death,  
You opened the Kingdom of heaven to all who believe.  
You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that you shall come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray: help your servants whom  
you have redeemed with your most precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with your Saints,  
in glory everlasting.

Song: Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to You,  
O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to You among the nations.  
For Your steadfast love is great,  
Is great to the heavens;  
And Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Your glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Your glory be over all the earth.

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-14

Psalter: Ps 107:1-9 O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

#83

NT Responsive Reading: Gal 3:1-14

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.

**Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?**

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

**Did you suffer so many things in vain-- if indeed it was in vain?**

Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith--

**just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?**

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

**And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."**

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.**

Sermon: Remember Those Earlier Days

Heb 10:32-39

Lord's Supper

Bread: What Wondrous Love Is This

#261

Cup: He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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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