May 22, 2022 Welcome Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Isa 11:4-5

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Hymn: Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord! #19

Invocation

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 confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Lord you already know the depth of our sin. You know that our attitudes are not like those of Christ Jesus. Our hearts lead us astray. We confess that we have been angry unjustly, hard-hearted, weak in our stand for Christ, prayer has been without zeal or passion; we have dishonored you in countless ways. Lord we have sinned in private, sinned in our families, sinned at work, sinned here while supposedly worshiping you.

For the sake of Christ and by his merit, pardon all my sins known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and unconfessed, remembered or forgotten. You do indeed know the depth of it all and we pray that you forgive us for your glory, Christ's sake and our good.

Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 86:3-5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

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!

Pastor: Eph 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Congregation: Father in Heaven, thank you for granting us a glorious forgiveness, and also working is us to bring us to a increasing obedience to you commandments. We are glad that we are your workmanship and we desire to walk in good works.

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)

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Hymn: I Am Not Skilled to Understand

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song: I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Ps 89:1

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness. With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

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Gospel: Matt 24:36-50

Psalter: Ps 34:1-4, 7-9 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life #624

Epistle: Romans 14:8-16

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.

So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.

Sermon: Noah, Daniel, and Job Ezk 14

Lord's Supper

Bread: O Jesus, We Adore Thee #255

Cup: How Deep the Father's Love for Us,

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to Glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished, His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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