

May 29, 2022  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy  
Invocation

#100

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 why is it that the world has such power in our lives and in our thinking? We have been redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ; we have been declared righteous, and have been granted your Spirit to indwell us; we are in union with Christ, but yet we heed the siren call of the world in so many ways. We acknowledge here this morning that to do this is to hold your gifts in contempt, and this is a great sin! Thank you for the forgiveness we have in Christ, but we need a powerful renewing. Turn our longings from the world to Christ and his Kingdom. We know that the world will pass away, so by your grace, may we be among those who do your will in the world. Through the amazing merits of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Jn 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**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: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Congregation: **We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to you commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

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 Vast the Benefits Divine #470

Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 3, art 5 p850

Song: I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,  
But You clothed Yourself in frail humanity.  
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,  
But You let me hear Your voice calling me, and ...

I'm forever grateful to You,  
I'm forever grateful for the cross.  
I'm forever grateful to You,  
That you came ... to seek and save the lost.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt. 25:1-30

Psalter: Ps 69 Thy Loving Kindness, Lord, is Good and Free #607

Epistle: Romans 14:16-23

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

**For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

**So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.**

Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.

**Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.**

It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

**The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God.**

Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

**But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.**

Sermon: "Chosen by Grace" Romans 11:1-6

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Hymn: Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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Song: Be Exalted

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.

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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