

October 9, 202  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps. 103: 20-22

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
Invocation

#1

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 confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Gracious Lord, you have loved us supremely in Christ. You have graciously provided for us in every way by your sovereign mercy. But we are prone to complaining and grumbling against your providence and against one another. We are quick to find fault rather than offer thanks. By this we show a basic self-centeredness. We do not love you and our neighbor as we are commanded to do, but rather we love our own peace, pleasure and comfort. Forgive our ingratitude, our fussing and grumbling about our lot in life. Turn our hearts to rejoice in your goodness and in the glorious salvation we have in Christ. May he be the main focus of our lives and service to him be our primarily motivation for all things. Through Christ our only Savior and Redeemer; 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: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us.**

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: Who Is on the Lord's Side

#587

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: Creation Sings the Father's Song,

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight;  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

CHORUS

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan

Of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with Him eternally.  
Chorus:

Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme:  
The glories of our God and King!  
Chorus:

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 8:14-38

Psalter: Ps 148 Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord (Tune Darwall NT 18) #112

Epistle: 1 Cor 9:14-27

In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

**But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision.**

For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

**For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting.**

For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

**For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.**

What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

**For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.**

To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews.

**To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.**

To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

**To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak.**

I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

**I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.**

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

**Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.**

So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.

**But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.**

Sermon:

Lord's Supper

Bread: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (Tune Aberyswyth, NT 51)

#420

Cup: Come to the Waters

Come to the waters whoever is thirsty  
Drink from the fountain that never runs dry  
Jesus the Living One offers you mercy  
Life more abundant in boundless supply

Come to the river that flows through the city  
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son  
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply."  
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One

Come to the Fountain without any money  
Buy what is given without any cost.  
Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary.  
Jesus the selfless One died for the lost

Come to the Well of unmerited favor  
Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.  
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.  
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.  
God has provided an end to sin's strife.  
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?  
Take the free gift of the water of life.

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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