

April 23, 2023  
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: When All Your Mercies, O My God  
Invocation

#56

The Law of Christ:

1Peter 3:8-11

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

**Congregation: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us 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: 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)**

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.**

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

#585

Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 8, art 2&3

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Song: All I Have

All I have is by your mercy,  
And all I have is all of grace.  
All I am is what your love has made of me  
Now I am your new creation,  
Your workmanship in Jesus Christ,  
Made to walk in works you have prepared for me.

Chorus:

I rejoice in all your kindness,  
and I rejoice in all your goodness.  
I rejoice in your great love for me.

All I have is from you, Father,  
the Author of each perfect gift.  
You gladly give me all things to enjoy in you.  
You who did not spare your Son  
But freely gave him for us all,  
Will you not with joy supply my ev'ry need?

Ordination and Installation of new officers

Gospel: Luke 8:22-40

Psalter: Ps 89 My Song Forever Shall Record

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Epistle: 2 Cor 6:1-10

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

**For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**

We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, **beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;**

by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love;

**by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;**

through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise.

**We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;**

as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed;

**as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.**

Sermon: A Living Sacrifice                      Romans 12:1-2

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me

#638

Cup: I then shall live.

I then shall live. As one whose been forgiven.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father.

I am his child and I am not afraid.

So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother

The Law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live as one whose learned compassion.

I've been so loved That I'll risk loving too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges

I'll dare to see another's point of view

And when relationships demand commitment

Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me

your power and glory, let them shine through me

Your hallowed name, Oh may I bear with honor

And may your living kingdom come in me

THE BREAD OF LIFE! Oh May I share with honor

And may you feed a hungry world through me

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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