

April 30, 2023
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-4

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Hymn: How Great Thou Art
Invocation

#44

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:

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 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.

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: Rom 6:6-8

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Congregation: O Lord, thank you that in your crucifixion we too died to sin. We thank you for freeing us from sin. Grant us your grace that we will live to your glory and grow in works that honor your name. Amen.

Hymn: The Sands of Time Are Sinking

#546

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: Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever.
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor, You are Eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name; Be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the Healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name.
(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 8:40-56

Psalter: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

#87

Epistle: 2 Cor 6:11-18

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections.

In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Sermon: What Is Your Life

James 4:13-15

Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

#254

Cup: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save;
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day;
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
Sins curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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