

May 21, 2023  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 95:6

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Invocation

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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:

*Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543:*

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate the law of Christ.**

**But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress.**

**Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight:**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 103:2-4

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

**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: 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.**

Hymn: Though Troubles Assail Us

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Chapter 33, art. 3

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Hymn: Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending (Tune Picardy, #193)

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Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 10:1-20

Psalter: Ps 107:1-9 O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

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Epistle: 2 Cor 8:1-12

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

**For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints--** and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

**Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.**

But as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you--see that you excel in this act of grace also.

**I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.**

So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.

**For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.**

Sermon: Patience in the Lord

James 5:7-13

Lord's Supper

Bread: What Wondrous Love Is This

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Cup: 'Tis finished' The Messiah Dies

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies.  
Cut off for sins, but not His own  
Accomplished is the sacrifice,  
The great redeeming work is done.  
'Tis finished! all the debt is paid:  
Justice divine is satisfied;  
The grand and full atonement made;  
God for a guilty world hath died.

The veil is rent in Christ alone:  
The living way to Heaven is seen,  
The middle wall is broken down,  
And all mankind may enter in.  
The types and figures are fulfilled;  
Exacted is the legal pain:  
The precious promises are sealed.  
The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

The reign of sin and death is o'er,  
And all may live from sin set free,-  
Satan hath lost his mortal power.  
'Tis swallowed up in victory.  
Saved from the legal curse I am,  
My Savior hangs on yonder tree'  
See there the meek, expiring Lamb'  
'Tis finished! He expires for me.

Accepted in the Well-beloved.  
And clothed in righteousness divine.  
I see the bar to heaven removed:  
And all Thy merits, Lord. are mine.  
Death, hell. and sin are now subdued:  
All grace is now to sinners given.  
And lo, I plead the atoning blood,  
And in Thy right I claim Thy Heaven'

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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