May 28, 2023 Welcome Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #164

Invocation

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: Great forgiving God of Grace, we come to you to humbly to confess our sin. We are sinners by birth, and by choice. We know that the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that we do not do what we want. There is a desire in our new hearts to serve you but we find a different desire present in us. We have followed too much the desires that lead away from you. We have sinned! We thank you that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for us in order to present us faultless before you. O Holy Spirit continue to renew us into the image of our blessed Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus through whose merits we pray. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Congregation: We praise you for the position we have in Christ. We pray that our lives will reflect him in all we do. Thank you that in Christ we too have died to sin. Help us to set our minds on the heavenly things so that we would love you above all and our neighbors as ourselves.

Hymn: Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow! #474

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed p846

Song: His Robes for Mine Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage. Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

## Refrain:

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread? God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead. Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine, Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. (*Refrain*)

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.
(*Refrain*)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know. Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe. He, as though I, accursed and left alone; I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! (*Refrain*)

## Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 10:21-42

Psalter: Ps 72:8-14, 17-19 Christ Shall Have Dominion #439

Epistle: 2 Cor 8:13-24

For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.

As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you.

For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord.

With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel.

And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will.

We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.

And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you.

As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

Sermon: The Lord of the Harvest Matt 9:35-38 (Rev. Nick Stalnos)

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

Cup: I then shall live.

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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

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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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