

August 6, 2023  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Rom 15:9-11

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

Hymn: God the Lord a King Remaineth  
Invocation

#64

The Law of Christ:

Col 3:12-15

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

**Congregation: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

From the Book of Common Prayer

**Most merciful God, you are of purer eyes than to look on iniquity, and have promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before you in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many sins. O gracious Father, who does not desire the death of a sinner, look upon us in mercy, as we acknowledge all our sins. Make us deeply aware of the great evil of them, and work in us a heartfelt contrition; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. 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 the abundance of His blessings. For His forgiveness of all our sins.**

Pastor: What has He done with your sins?

**Congregation: He has trampled them underfoot at the cross of Christ (Micah 7:19).**

**All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Healer.**

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. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> 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.**

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: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

#311

Confession of Faith: *Shorter Catechism in Modern English*

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

**The decrees of God are his eternal plan, according to the purpose of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatever comes to pass; yet in such a manner as to be in no way the author of sin.**

Q. 8. How does God carry out his decrees?

**God carries out his decrees in the works of creation and providence.**

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

**The work of creation is the making by God of all things from nothing, by his powerful word, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

Song: Church Arise

O Church, arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,

This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 16

Psalter: Ps 78 My People Give Ear Attend to My Word

#366

Epistle: Gal 2:11-21

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

**For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.**

And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

**But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"**

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

**But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!**

For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

**For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.**

Sermon: The Lord Is King Ps 93  
[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat

Cup: Glorious Impossible

#507

Love has come to walk on water

Turn the water into wine  
Touch the leper, bless the children  
Love both human and divine

Praise the wisdom of the Father  
Who has spoken through His Son  
Speaking still, He calls us to  
The Glorious Im - poss - ible

Halle lu jah  
Halle lu jah  
Halle lu jah  
Glorious Impossible

He was bruised for our transgressions  
And He bears e - ter - nal scars  
He was raised for our salvation  
And His righteousness is ours

Praise, oh praise Him, praise the glory  
Of this lavish grace so full  
Lift your souls now and receive the  
Glorious Impossible!

Halle lu jah  
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Halle lu jah  
Glorious Impossible

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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