

September 3, 2023
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice

Hymn: O Worship the King
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

John 13:34-35

Pastor: Jesus our Savior summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Blessed Holy Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, how sweet is your grace and your words of forgiveness to us – sweet because we are in such great need of continual forgiveness. We have sinned every moment in thoughts, words, and deeds. We have been called to be conformed to the image of your Son, but there have been times this past week where when we did not reflect him. We are your temple, and your Spirit resides in us, but yet so often we pursue the demands of our hearts and the allurements of the world. We are grateful for the forgiveness we have in Christ and ask you, Holy Spirit, continue your work of transformation in us. Turn our hearts from self to Christ, grant that we would love you with all our heart soul, strength, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. May we love as you have loved us. This we pray in the name of the One who loved us with an everlasting love, Jesus Christ, your incarnate Son. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon:

Leviticus 16:30 On that day, the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has atoned for our sins and cleansed us from them all.

Pastor: How has He made atonement for you?

Congregation: He has placed our sins on the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.

All: Praise and glory be to God the Father, Christ the Lamb, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of your Holy Spirit and faith in You. Amen.

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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: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 10. How did God create man?

God created man, male and female, in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with rule over the creatures.

Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preservation and control of all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state in which he was created?

When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil on penalty of death.

Song: 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

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 18:18-43

Psalter: Ps 3 (Tune: Crimond NT #87)

O LORD, how are my foes increased!
Against me many rise.
How many say, "In vain for help
He on his God relies!"

You are my shield and glory, LORD;
You lifted up my head.
I cried out, "LORD!" and from His hill
To me His answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again
The LORD IS keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men
Entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God!
You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men,
Their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD,
Salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore
Be on Your people shown!

Epistle: Gal 3:21-29

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God?

Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.

But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,
there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Sermon: Lord, Many Rise Against Me Ps 3
(Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert)

Hymn: To God My Earnest Voice I Raise

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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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