

September 10, 2023
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living
Invocation

#125

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:

O Lord our God you are genuine and true – always. We are not. We tend to say one thing and do another. We hide behind sham and faking. We are guilty of forms of hypocrisy that we are still unaware of. You know us inside and out, and you are fully aware of all those times we judge others and do the same things.

Lord we are sinners and have been from the beginning of our lives. Our only hope is in the life, death, and resurrection of your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is our salvation; in Him forgive us and renew us. Turn us from hypocrisy to integrity. May we embrace and live the truth of Christ in all we do.

Personal (silent)

Hebrews 10:12, 14 When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has made us perfect before Him.

Pastor: How has He made you perfect?

Congregation: By Christ's single sacrifice for all my sins.

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our High Priest, and the Holy Spirit our Witness.

Pastor: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us.

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: The Love of God (HWC #67)

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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 Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings

He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 19:1-28

Psalter: Ps 50:1-6 The Mighty God the Lord

#316

Epistle: Gal 4:12-20

Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are.

You did me no wrong.

You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

What then has become of the blessing you felt?

For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

They make much of you, but for no good purpose.

They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.

It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Sermon: Called, Loved, and Kept

Jude 1-2

Lord's Supper

Bread: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

#257

Cup: It Should Have Been Me Lord

It Should Have Been Me Lord

To die on the cross

Oh I should have suffered

Eternal loss

You should have been worshipped

Instead you were slain

But Lord by your suffering I've received

Eternal gain

Chorus:

Lord of Glory, bruised and broken

Such a wonderful love you've shown to me

In my darkness, your mercy found me

And I will thank you Lord,

Through all eternity
for saving me.

It Should Have Been Me Lord
When God hid his face
But you were rejected
In deep disgrace
You should have been honored
but you took my shame
to clothe me in your own righteousness
that I might reign.

Chorus

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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