

October 15, 2023
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Isa 11:4-5

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Hymn: Praise Waits for Thee in Zion (Tune Meironydd, #159)
Invocation

#372

The Law of Christ:

1 John 2:15-17

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

Congregation: Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world-- the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-- comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.
2/23, 10/23

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Father we are guilty of duplicity – a cursed duplicity. We try to serve you, but we mix that service up with serving all sorts of other gods. Our hearts are not pure; our love is not complete, and we are not holy as you are. We confess that we are often interested in serving ourselves and our peace and comfort. We do not regard you as the Creator and Sustainer as we ought. We are deficient in acknowledging you as Redeemer! We need your forgiveness! Purge this folly from us, and grant us the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins accomplished for us only in the blood of Christ. May your grace be shed abroad in our hearts so that we will live grateful and obedient lives focused on your glory as our greatest good – through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: We give praise to God who is faithful and just. Who has forgiven our sins and cleansed us of unrighteousness.

Pastor: How pure has the blood of Christ made you?

Congregation: Although our sins were like crimson, they are as white as wool (Isa 1:18).

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

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: Lord, like the Publican I Stand

#489

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in modern English

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?

Since the covenant of life was made with Adam for his descendants as well as for himself, all mankind descending from him in the ordinary manner, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.!

Q. 17. Into what state did the fall bring mankind?

The fall brought mankind into a state of sin and misery.

Q. 18. What is the sinfulness of that state into which man fell?

The sinfulness of the state into which man fell includes the guilt of Adam's first sin, the lack of the righteousness which he had at first, and the corruption of every part of his nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual sins which flow from it.

Song: Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

(Repeat)

Great are you, Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord and worthy of praise!
Great are you, Lord; We lift up our voice,
we lift up our voice:

Great are you, Lord! Great are you, the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 20:1-20

Psalter: Ps 139:14-24 All That I Am I Owe to Thee

#37

Epistle: Gal 6:1-10

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.

Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption,

but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Sermon: The Way of Cain

Jude 9-13

Lord's Supper

Bread: Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

#248

Cup: 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

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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