

October 22, 2023  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Sky  
Invocation

#167

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.**

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: 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, healing, redemption, and compassion.**

Pastor: How has He shown you compassion?

**Congregation: He cast all our sins into the depths of the sea in the death of His Son (Micah 7:19).**

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

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: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (Tune Picardy NT # 193)

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: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain,  
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign;  
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,  
You will gather the nations before You.  
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb  
Who was cru - ci - fied;  
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign  
at your Fa - ther's side.

Chours:

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r"  
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign  
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lord's"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,  
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;  
For the Father has told us, for these you have died,  
For the nations who gather before You.  
And ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb

Who was cru – ci – fied;  
Who rose from the grave and was raised up to reign,  
At His Fathers side.

(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 20:21-47

Psalter: Ps 96 Sing to the Lord Sing His Praise

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Epistle: Gal 6:11-18

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

**It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.**

For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

**But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

**And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.**

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.**

Sermon: The Lord Is Coming      Jude 24-25

Lord's Supper

Bread: Rock of Ages

Cup: My Hope Rests Firm

#500

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ,  
He is my only plea.  
Though all the world should point and scorn,  
His ransom leaves me free;  
His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive  
And strain towards the goal;  
Though still I stumble into sin,  
His death paid for it all;  
His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur  
To help me run this race:  
I know my tears will turn to joy  
The day I see his face;

The day I see his face.

My hope is to be with my Lord,  
To know as I am known;  
To serve Him gladly all my days  
In praise before His throne;  
In praise before His throne.

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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