

October 8, 2023
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Hymn: And Can It Be
Invocation

#455

The Law of Christ

Col 3:5ff

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

Congregation: Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

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

Corporate Confession of sin: **Loving Heavenly Father your love for us is perfect and complete. Our love for you and one another is fractured, incomplete and conditional. We confess that even our love is tainted with sin. Our sin is expressed in evil thoughts, unwholesome talk and selfish actions. We need the loving atoning blood of Christ to cleanse us from our sin. Transform us into the image of Christ that we would love others as you have loved us. Through Christ the great Lover of our souls. 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 us of our sins and cleansed us from unrighteousness.

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

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

All: **Praise and glory be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

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: Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

#520

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: His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!

Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.

Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.

In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain:

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:

Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.

Bought by such love, my life is not my own.

My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?

God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.

Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,

Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

(Refrain)

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.

Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.

Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!"

Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.

(Refrain)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!
(Refrain)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 21

Psalter: Ps 32 How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

#551

Epistle: Gal 5:19-26

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Sermon: A New Source of Righteousness Luke 18:9-14

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Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

#254

Cup: Glorious Impossible

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!

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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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