

January 14, 2024
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1

Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Hymn: Praise to the Lord
Invocation

#53

The Law of Christ:

Rom 12:10-18

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

Congregation: Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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: 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: John 3:17-21

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the

light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Congregation: We give thanks to you, Heavenly Father, for sending your Son into this world to be the Light to us. We pray that we will live according to that light and do things that are true, thereby and demonstrating that you are at work in us by your Holy Spirit.

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 a Publican I Stand

#489

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 27. In what did Christ's humiliation consist?

Christ's humiliation consisted in being born, and that in a poor circumstance;^[a] in being subject to God's law;^[b] in undergoing the miseries of this life,^[c] the wrath of God^[d] and the curse of death on the cross;^[e] in being buried; and in continuing under the power of death for a time.^[f]

Q. 28. In what does Christ's exaltation consist?

Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day;^[a] in ascending into heaven;^[b] in sitting at the right hand^[c] of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.^[d]

Q. 29. How are we made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ?

We are made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effective application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.^[a]

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: John 4

Psalter: Ps 51:1-15 God Be Merciful to Me

#486

Epistle: Eph 5:22-33

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Sermon: Where Is My Honor

Mal 1:6-14

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

#498

Cup: I Will Boast in the Cross

God did not call us because we were wise
Or gifted with riches and might
His chosen ones are the weak in this world
Who hope in His all saving name,
That He might receive all the praise.

Chorus

So I will boast in the cross of Christ
And I will glory in Jesus and His sacrifice.
I will boast in the cross of Christ.
It is the power; it is the wisdom of God
And my great ransom, the cross of Christ.

Great is the mystery of God's sovereign ways
That flow from the depths of His grace.
That He would give up His one precious Son
To bear all the cost of my sin,
Is a wonder I can't comprehend.
(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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