

February 18, 2024  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 95:6

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn: O Lord Thou Judge of All the Earth  
Invocation

#49

The Law of Christ:      The Law of Christ:

Matt 22:37-39

Pastor: The Lord Jesus Christ summarized the moral law of God by saying,

**Congregation: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Gracious Lord for all the blessings I have received, for the forgiveness of sins, for the abundance of goods I possess, I ought to be profoundly grateful and offer thanks to you at all times – But I do not. Rather I tend to grumble and complain. I covet and envy what others have. Clear away my understanding so that I can see with clear eyes the degree of your grace to me. Pardon my ingratitude. Make me a patient, loving, and thankful person – thankful especially for the blood of Jesus which cleanses me from all sin. Lord be merciful to me, a sinner, and forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Leviticus 16:30 On that day, the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

**Congregation: We give praise to God who has atoned for our sins and cleansed us from them all.**

Pastor: How has He made atonement for you?

**Congregation: He has placed our sins on the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.**

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

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Congregation: We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to your commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

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: Cast Your Burden on the Lord

#673

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 33. What is justification?

**Justification is an act of God's free grace<sup>[a]</sup> in which he pardons all our sins<sup>[b]</sup> and accepts us as righteous in his sight<sup>[c]</sup> for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us<sup>[d]</sup> and received by faith alone.<sup>[e]</sup>**

Q. 34. What is adoption?

**Adoption is an act of God's free grace<sup>[a]</sup> by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.<sup>[b]</sup>**

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

**Sanctification is the work of God's free grace<sup>[a]</sup> by which we are renewed throughout in the image of God<sup>[b]</sup> and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.<sup>[c]</sup>**

Song: Be Unto Your Name

**We are a moment, You are forever.  
Lord of the ages God before time  
We are a vapor, You are Eternal  
Love everlasting reigning on high**

**Chorus:**

**Holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name; Be unto Your name**

**We are the broken, You are the Healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You blessing Your name.  
(Chorus)**

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 7:25-53

Psalter: Ps 9:1-2, 7-11 O Lord Most High with All My Heart

#48

Epistle: Phi 1:12-21

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.

**And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.

**The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.**

The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

**What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.**

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

**For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**

Sermon: Where Is the God of Justice

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

#520

Cup: Behold the Lamb

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that we may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King**

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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