

February 25, 2024
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 146:10

The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Hymn: O Love of God How Strong and True
Invocation

#81

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:

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)

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 of all our sins.

Pastor: What has He done with your sins?

Congregation: He has trampled them underfoot at the cross of Christ (Micah 7:19).

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

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of your Holy Spirit and faith in You. 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: A Christian Home

#719

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 33. What is justification?

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

Q. 34. What is adoption?

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

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

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

Song: Creation Sings the Father's song

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight;
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

CHORUS

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.
Chorus:

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glories of our God and King!
Chorus:

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 8:1-25

Psalter: Ps 84 O Lord of Hosts How Lovely

#371

Epistle: Phil 1:22-30

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

I am hard pressed between the two.

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ

you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Sermon: Hospitality

Romans 12:13

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: Hark the Voice of Love and Mercy

#259

Cup: Depth of Mercy

Depth of Mercy! Can there be
Mercy reaching even me?
God, the just, his wrath forbears,
Me, the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed
From his kind and perfect ways,
Making clear my desp'rate need
For his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own
All the wrongs that I have done.
Let me just my sins deplore,
Look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands
Holding forth his wounded hands,
Scars which ever cry for me
Once condemned but now set free

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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