

April 7, 2024  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy!  
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Mark 12:31

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus 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 and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Lord why is it that the world has such power in our lives and in our thinking? We have been redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ; we have been granted your Spirit to indwell us; we are in union with Christ, but yet we heed the siren call of the world in so many ways. We acknowledge here this morning that to do this is to hold your gifts in contempt, and this is a great sin! Thank you for the forgiveness we have in Christ, but we need a powerful renewing. Turn our longings from the world to Christ and his Kingdom. We know that the world will pass away, so by your grace, may we be among those who do your will in the world.**

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: Am I a Soldier of the Cross

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requires of man?

**The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 40. What rule did God at first reveal to man for his obedience?

**The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 41. Where is the moral law set out briefly?

**The moral law is set out briefly in the Ten Commandments.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Song: He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!  
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 11:1-30

Psalter: Ps 34:1-10 (Tune Finlandia, #449)

In every time I'll always bless the LORD;  
His praise will ever be within my mouth.  
My soul will make its boasting in the LORD;  
Let all the humble hear *it* and be glad.  
O join with me to magnify the LORD!  
Let us together raise His name on high!

I sought the LORD and He has answered me,  
And He from all my terrors set me free.  
O look to Him, be radiant, unashamed!  
This poor man cried; the LORD from trouble saved.  
The Lord's own angel constantly encamps  
Around those fearing Him, and rescues them.

O taste and you will see the Lord is good!  
How happy is the man who trusts in Him!  
O fear the LORD, all you He has redeemed!  
For those who fear Him never suffer want.  
Young lions hunger: they may lack their food;  
But those who seek the LORD shall have no want.

O come, you children, listen unto me;  
And I will teach you how to fear the LORD.  
Who longs for life and loves to see good days?  
From evil keep your tongue, your lips from lies.  
Depart from evil and be doing good;  
Seek peace and strive for it with all your heart.

Epistle: Phil 3:12-

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

**Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.**

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.**

Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

**Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.**

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

**Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.**

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

Lord's Supper

Bread: My Hope Is in the Lord

Cup: Under the Blood of Jesus

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Under the blood of Jesus  
Safe in the Shepherd's fold  
Under the blood of Jesus  
Safe while the ages roll  
Safe though worlds may crumble  
Safe though the stars grow dim  
Under the blood of Je – sus  
I am secure in Him.

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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