

June 23, 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: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned (Tune Vox Delecti #304)

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

Gal 5:13-15

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

**Congregation: You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Lord you have declared your judgment and your hatred of sin. And you have punished sin in your own Son on the Cross. We are the recipients of a glorious redemption in Christ, but yet we sin. We do things that the world does. We do things that deserve judgment. We confess that we are still sinners even though purchased in the blood of Christ. We have even given our approval to the sin of others. We are guilty. We pray that you will always regard us as righteous in Christ and that your justice will be satisfied in him. We ask for a powerful influence of your Spirit that would renew us and conform us to the image of your Son who died for us in whose name we pray, 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: John 3:17-21

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> 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: Cast Your Burden on the Lord

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Confession of Faith:

Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?

**The third commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

**The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles,<sup>[a]</sup> attributes,<sup>[b]</sup> ordinances,<sup>[c]</sup> Word,<sup>[d]</sup> and works.<sup>[e]</sup>**

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

**The third commandment forbids all unworthy use of anything by which God makes himself known.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 56. What is the reason attached to the third commandment?

**The reason attached to the third commandment is that though the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the LORD your God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgement.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Song: He Will Hold Me

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 18:1-18

Psalter: Ps 31 My Times Are in Thy Hand

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Epistle: Col 4:1-9

Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

**Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.**

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison--that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

**Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.**

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.**

I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you.

**They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.**

Sermon: Love Fulfills the Law                      Romans 13:8-10  
[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: Amazing Grace

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Cup: Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly  
That I, the guilty one may go free?

Chorus:            Amazing love, O what sacrifice!  
                      The Son of God, giv'n for me.  
                      My debt He pays, and my death He dies  
                      That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected.  
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me.

Chorus

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers.  
Come wash your guilt away...live again!

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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