

July 21, 2024  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: O Worship the King  
Invocation

#3

The Law of Christ:

John 13:34-35

Pastor: Jesus our Savior summarized the moral law of God by saying,

**Congregation: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Great Shepherd of the sheep, we confess our lack of trust, our anxiety despite your assurance, our restlessness despite your offered peace, our covetousness despite your abundant provision, our never believing we have enough. Our only hope is in the merits of your Son and our Great Savior. Please forgive us and renew us that we may so rely on your faithfulness as to pursue a new obedience and find freedom to be generous givers and grateful stewards of your bounty - Through Jesus the great lover of our souls. Amen.**

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: Abide with Me

#402

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

**The fourth commandment is: Remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien/stranger within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but he rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

**The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word, in particular, one whole day in seven.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 59. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

**From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath,<sup>[a]</sup> but thereafter he appointed the first day of the week, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath /or Lord's Day/.<sup>[b]</sup>**

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

**The sabbath /or Lord's Day, which is given for man's good and as a pointer to his eternal destiny, is to be kept holy by resting all that day from our work and recreations,<sup>[b]</sup> and spending the whole time in the public and private worship,<sup>[c]</sup> except the time spent in works of necessity and mercy.<sup>[d]</sup>**

Song: How High and How Wide

No eye has seen and no ear has heard,  
And no mind has ever conceived  
The glorious things that You have prepared  
For ev'ryone one who has believed;  
You brought us near and You called us Your own,  
And made us joint heirs with Your Son.

Chorus:       How high and how wide,  
                  How deep and how long,  
                  How sweet and how strong is Your love;  
                  How lavish Your grace,  
                  How faithful Your ways,  
                  How great is Your love, O Lord?

Objects of mercy, who should have known wrath,  
We're filled with unspeakable joy,

Riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,  
And the wonder of knowing Your voice;  
You are our treasure and our great reward,  
Our hope and our glorious King.

Chorus:

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 19:23-42

Psalter: Ps 47            Rejoice All People Homage Give

#73

Epistle: 1 Thes 2:1-10

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain.

**But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.**

For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

**For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed--God is witness.**

Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

**But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.**

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

**For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil:**

we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

**You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.**

Sermon: Abide in Him

1 John 2:28-29

Lord's Supper

Bread: Stricken Smitten and Afflicted

#257

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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