

Aug 25, 2024
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 104:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

Hymn: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

James 1:19-22

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

Congregation: My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Faithful Father, we come to you in the name and merits of your only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We have nothing to bring to you to acquire your love or buy your favor. You have always been faithful to us, we humbly confess our lack of faithfulness to you in many ways. By anxiety and greed, by anger and impatience, by lust and longing, by envy and gossip, we have not remained faithful to our pledge to follow Christ as your servants. Even though you have sent us your Spirit, we so often follow after our own flesh. We recognize that the Blood of Christ is sufficient to cleanse us from all sin. We plead our case in Him, for we know he has fully satisfied your justice by his sufferings and death. Renew our wills that we may walk in greater conformity to His commands – through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12, 14

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has made us perfect before Him.

Pastor: How has He made you perfect?

Congregation: By Christ's single sacrifice for all my sins.

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our High Priest, and the Holy Spirit our Witness.

Pastor: 1 Cor 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Congregation: Holy Lord God, hear our words of thanks for sending us your Spirit, and that he now resides in us. Help us to follow him in all our thoughts, words, and actions, so that we would live to your glory. May He cause the love of Christ to shine forth from us. Through Christ our Lord. 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: Am I a Soldier of the Cross

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 63. Which is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is: Honour your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.^[a]

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment requires us to preserve the honour and perform the duties belonging to everyone in their different positions and relationships in life.^[a]

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment forbids us to neglect or to do anything against the honour and duty which belongs to everyone in their various positions and relationships in life.^[a]

Q. 66. What is the reason attached to the fifth commandment?

The reason attached to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (so far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all those who keep this commandment.^[a]

Song: Keep Me True

Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true
Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true
There's a race that must be run
There's a vic'try to be won
Every hour, by Thy power, keep me true!

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 2 :1-24

Psalter: Ps 1 That Man Is Blest Who Fearing God

(Tune Arlington, #154)

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Epistle: 1 The 5:1-10

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

For you are all children of light, children of the day.

We are not of the night or of the darkness.

So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

Sermon: Living for the Lord

Romans 14:1-12

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

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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