

September 22, 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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Invocation

#32

The Law of Christ:

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Col 3:1-2 & 5-6

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

Congregation: Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Merciful God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another. We have broken your law in thought, word, and deed. We name the name of Christ, but we do not make his presence real in our lives. We pay lip service to your truth, but we fear the truth about ourselves. We sing of your grace, but we cling to illusions that keep us from experiencing your joy. We claim to live by faith, but we want to have our own way. We want to be free, but we avoid the discipline that would set us free. We lay claim to your promises in our need, but we feel little compassion for the needs of others. Thank you for the abundant mercy in Christ and your gracious forgiveness in him. Renew us we pray and grant us a new life of obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 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, healing, redemption, and compassion.

Pastor: How has He shown you compassion?

Congregation: He cast all our sins into the depths of the sea in the death of His Son (Micah 7:19).

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

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Congregation: **We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to you commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

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

#185

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is: *You shall not murder.*^[a]

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life and the life of others.^[a]

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment forbids us to take our own life or to take unjustly the life of our neighbour, or anything tending to these ends.^[a]

Song: Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever.
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor, You are Eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name; Be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the Healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name.
(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 4:19-37

Psalter: Ps 5 O Jehovah Hear My Words

#51

Epistle: 2 Thes 2:1-8

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,

not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

Let no one deceive you in any way.

For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.

Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

Sermon: Love One Another

1 John 3:3:11-15

Lord's Supper

Bread: There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

#253

Cup: My Hope Rests Firm

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ,
He is my only plea.
Though all the world should point and scorn,
His ransom leaves me free;
His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive
And strain towards the goal;
Though still I stumble into sin,
His death paid for it all;
His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur
To help me run this race:
I know my tears will turn to joy
The day I see his face;
The day I see his face.

My hope is to be with my Lord,
To know as I am known;
To serve Him gladly all my days
In praise before His throne;
In praise before His throne.

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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