

February 2, 2025
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-4

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Hymn: Hallelujah Thine the Glory
Invocation

#179

The Law of Christ:

Rom 12:10-18

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

Congregation: Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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: Col 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has liberated us from our trespasses.

Pastor: How has He freed you from your trespasses?

Congregation: He has canceled the record of debt that stood against us, having crucified it in Christ at the cross (Col 2:14).

All: **Praise and glory be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of your Holy Spirit and faith in You. 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

#573

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption?
The outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, and all these are made effective in the salvation of the elect.^[a]

Q. 89. How is the Word of God made effective to salvation?
The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effective means of convincing and converting sinners, and building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, to salvation.^[a]

Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effective to salvation?
We must attend to the Word with diligence, preparation and prayer,^[a] receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives,^[b] so that it may become effective to salvation.

Song: Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer
Our Savior our friend
Creator of the universe
Your goodness knows no end
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
Oh God

Oh God our Deliverer
And Lord of all grace

How can I stand in silence
When the heavens sing Your praise
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 15:19-41

Psalter: Ps 19 The Law of the Lord Is Perfect

#152

Epistle: 2 Tim 1:8-14

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed,

for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Sermon: Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar

Judges 3

Lord's Supper

Bread: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#252

Cup: I Come By the Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place, how can I enter in
When your presence bears no sin
Through Him who poured out His life for me
The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him, and His work alone, I boldly come

Chorus: I come by the Blood
I come by the Cross
Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness

My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come by the Blood

You are the high and exalted King, the One the angels fear
So far above me in every way, Lord how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear
Through Him who laid down His life for me
And ascended to Your side
Through Him, through Jesus alone I boldly come

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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