

March 30, 2025
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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Invocation

#32

The Law of Christ: The Law of Christ:

Col 3:8-9

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

Congregation: But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Great forgiving God of Grace, we come to you humbly to confess our sin. We are sinners by birth, and by choice. We know that the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that we do not do what we want. There is a desire in our new hearts to serve you, but we find a different desire present in us. We have followed too much the desires that lead away from you. We have sinned! We thank you that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for us in order to present us faultless before you. O Holy Spirit continue to renew us into the image of our blessed Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus through whose merits we pray. 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: 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: God Moves in a Mysterious Way

#128

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 98. What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God,^[a] for things agreeable to his will,^[b] in the name of Christ,^[c] with confession of our sins^[d] and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.^[e]

Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer,^[a] but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.^[b]

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The preface of the Lord's Prayer (which is, *Our Father in heaven*) teaches us firstly to draw near to God with all holy reverence^[a] and confidence^[b] as children to a father^[c] able and ready to help us;^[d] and secondly, that we should pray with and for others.^[e]

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: Acts 20

Psalter: Ps 26 (Tune Forest Green #119)
Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked
In my integrity,
And ever with unwav'ring heart Have trusted,
LORD, in Thee.
Examine me, and prove me, LORD;
Try heart and mind, I pray.
Thy mercy is before my eyes;
Thy truth has led my way.

I will not with dissemblers go,
With false men will not wait.
I will not sit with wicked men;
Their company I hate.
I'll wash my hands in innocence,
Approach Thine altar, LORD,
That with a thankful voice I may
Thy wonders all record.

The habitation of Thy house,
O LORD, is my delight;
The place in which Thy glory dwells
Is lovely in my sight.
With sinners gather not my soul;
Spare me from blood they spill.
In their hand is a wicked scheme;
Their right hand bribes do fill.

But as for me, I'll humbly walk
In my integrity.
Redeem Thou me, and in Thy grace
Be merciful to me.
Because my foot is standing now
Upon a level place;
Within the congregation great
Jehovah I will bless.

Epistle: 2 Tim 4:9-18

Do your best to come to me soon.

For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.

Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them!

But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon: Gideon Part 2

Judges 7

Lord's Supper

Bread: He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

#244

Cup: Glorious Impossible

Love has come to walk on water
Turn the water into wine
Touch the leper, bless the children
Love both human and divine

Praise the wisdom of the Father
Who has spoken through His Son
Speaking still, He calls us to
The Glorious Im - poss - ible

Halle lu jah
Halle lu jah
Halle lu jah
Glorious Impossible

He was bruised for our transgressions
And He bears e - ter - nal scars
He was raised for our salvation
And His righteousness is ours

Praise, oh praise Him, praise the glory
Of this lavish grace so full
Lift your souls now and receive the
Glorious Impossible!

Halle lu jah
Halle lu jah
Halle lu jah
Glorious Impossible

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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