

May 18, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 106:48

Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy!  
Invocation

#100

The Law of Christ:

Gal 5:13-15

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

**Congregation: You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin: *From the Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God, you are of purer eyes than to look on iniquity, and have promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before you in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many sins. O gracious Father, who does not desire the death of a sinner, look upon us in mercy, as we acknowledge all our sins. Make us deeply aware of the great evil of them, and work in us a heartfelt contrition; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen**

Personal (silent)

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: 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,<sup>20</sup> 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: In the Hour of Trial

#568

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth request?

**In the fourth request (which is, *Give us today our daily bread*) we pray that by God's free gift we may receive a sufficient share of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth request?

**In the fifth request (which is, *Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors*) we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins;<sup>[a]</sup> and we are encouraged to ask this because, by his grace, we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.<sup>[b]</sup>**

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 24

Psalter: Ps 33 You Righteous in the Lord Rejoice

#43

Epistle: Philemon 1:1-12

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,

**because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,**

and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

**For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.**

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you--I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus--

**I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.**

(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)

**I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.**

Sermon: Samson Part 1      Judges 13-14

Lord's Supper

Bread: Throned upon the Awful Tree

(Tune Toplady #499)

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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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