

July 20, 2025  
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: We Come O Christ to thee  
Invocation

#181

The Law of Christ: The Law of Christ: The Law of Christ: 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: *Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560:*

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.***

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon:

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:

Congregation: 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: Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

#645

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg 60-61

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

**A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.**

61. Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

**A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it my own by faith only.**

Song: Romans 11:36

For from him and through him

And to him are all things.

To him be glory evermore

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Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 3

Psalter: Ps 42 (Tune St Anne, #30) As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

#661

Epistle: Heb 4:9-16

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

**Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,  
**let us hold fast our confession.**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Sermon: Peter's Sermon Part 1

Acts 2:14-21

Lord's Supper

Bread: Jesus Paid It All

#308

Cup: There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Ho - ly One.

Chorus: Thank you, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit 'til  
The work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.  
There I'll serve my King forever,  
In that holy place.

Chorus

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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