

July 13, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship:  
Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Hymn: Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart  
Invocation

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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:

**Lord why is it that the world has such power in our lives and in our thinking? We have been redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ; we have been granted your Spirit to indwell us; we are in union with Christ, but yet we heed the siren call of the world in so many ways. We acknowledge here this morning that to do this is to hold your gifts in contempt, and this is a great sin! Thank you for the forgiveness we have in Christ, but we need a powerful renewing. Turn our longings from the world to Christ and his Kingdom. We know that the world will pass away, so by your grace, may we be among those who do your will in the world.**

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 of all our sins.**

Pastor: What has He done with your sins?

**Congregation: He has trampled them underfoot at the cross of Christ (Micah 7:19).**

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

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: Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

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Song: Church Arise

O Church, arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 2

Psalter: Ps 41 (tune All Saints New, #452)

HOW blessed the man Who guides the poor  
By Counsel strong and clear;  
The LORD will surely rescue him  
When evil days draw near.  
The LORD will guard him in the land;  
His life is blessed indeed;  
Nor will You let him fall before  
His adversaries' greed,

The LORD sustains him on his bed  
Of sickness and of pain.  
And from his bed you make him rise;  
He will his health regain.  
Now as for me, I said,  
O LORD Have mercy on my soul.  
Because against You have I sinned,  
Restore and make me whole:"

My foes speak evil things of me  
And to each other say,  
"When will he die; when will his name  
Completely pass away?"  
And when he comes to see me here  
His words are all deceit.  
He gathers evil in his heart  
And tells it in the street.

Epistle: Heb 4:1-11

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

**For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.**

For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

**For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."**

And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

**Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,**

again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

**For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.**

**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.

Sermon: The Spirit Comes

Acts 2:1-13

Lord's Supper

Bread: Man of Sorrows

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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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