

November 23, 2025
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Hymn: Come Ye Thankful People Come
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

1Peter 3:8-11

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

Congregation: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Almighty, eternal, most just and gracious God, help me to know that
all things are shadows, but You are substance; all things are quicksand, but You are mountain;
all things are shifting, but You are anchor; all things are ignorance, but You are wisdom.

You are thrice Holy, yet my life and heart abound with
Apologies not made, repentance not completed, forgiveness not offered,
Brothers not respected, reputations not defended, peace not pursued,
Neighbors not loved, Sabbaths not kept, appetites not restrained,
Parents not honored, spouse not cherished, children not trained,
Prisoners not visited, strangers not clothed, hungry not fed,
Providences ignored, envy unchecked, prayers unspoken,
Fears not conquered, truth not defended, sheep not fed,
Feet unmoved, tongue unbridled, eyes unguarded,
Time wasted talents wasted, treasure wasted.

Lord Jesus, deliver me from these chains, from the wretchedness of the old man who still lives, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, so that with earnest heart searching I may come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You. I appeal from the throne of Your perfect justice to the throne of your boundless grace. Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me that I am guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but cleansed; Give me perpetual broken heartedness; keep me always clinging to Your cross; flood me every moment with descending grace.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!

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: At the Name of Jesus

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Confession of Faith: 11. Q. But is God not also merciful?

God is indeed merciful, but He is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.

Song: Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to You,
O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
For Your steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens;
And Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be over all the earth.
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Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 13:1-30

Psalter: Ps 59 (Tune Amazing Grace, #460)

Save me, my God! Protect from foes
Now rising like a flood.
Deliver me from evil men;
Save me from men of blood.

Behold, they for my life lay wait;
Fierce men against me run;
But not for my transgression, LORD,
Nor sin that I have done.

Though I am guiltless, still they run
And preparation make.
Arouse Thyself to help and see!
LORD God of hosts, awake!

Arise to punish nations all,
Thou God of Is-ra-el.
No mercy show to any who
Deceitfully rebel.

At night they come; they snarl like dogs
That round the city stray.
Their mouths stretch wide; their lips are swords:
"For who will hear?" they say.

But Thou, O LORD, dost laugh at them;
Thou dost all nations mock.
O Thou my Strength, I'll hold to Thee;
God is my fortress—rock.

Epistle: Heb 11:17-25

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, **choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.**

Lord's Supper

Bread: Not All the Blood of Beasts

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Cup: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to Glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom. (repeat)

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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