

March 15, 2026
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation
Invocation

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The Law of Christ

Matt 22:37-39

Pastor: The Lord Jesus Christ summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Lord, our desires are so often foremost in our thinking. Not having put to death all of the aspects of our old nature, we confess that we regularly commit idolatry. Anger that does not conform to your righteousness, because it stems from our heart demands, is a daily occurrence. You would be just in condemning us both for sins committed and the sin of our nature inherited from Adam.

We thank you that there is glorious forgiveness in your Son the Lord Jesus. Thank you for his suffering and death for us. Thank you for his active obedience imputed to us. Renew us so that our lives will reflect the great grace we have received from you, and may we grant similar grace to others as well, through Christ our only Savior. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: We give praise to God who is faithful and just. Who has forgiven our sins and cleansed us of unrighteousness.

Pastor: How pure has the blood of Christ made you?

Congregation: Although our sins were like crimson, they are as white as wool (Isa 1:18).

All: Praise and glory be to God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit the Lord.

Pastor: Rom 6:6-8

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Congregation: O Lord, thank you that in your crucifixion we too died to sin. We thank you for freeing us from sin. Grant us your grace that we will live to your glory and grow in works that honor your name. 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: Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat

#507

Confession of Faith: 26. Q. What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

Song: Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer
Our Savior our friend
Creator of the universe
Your goodness knows no end
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
Oh God

Oh God our Deliverer
And Lord of all grace
How can I stand in silence
When the heavens sing Your praise
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 22:23-46

Psalter: PS 54 (Tune Ebenezer, #283)

By Your name, O God, now save me;
Grant me justice by Your strength.
To these words of mine give answer;
O my God, now hear my prayer.
Strangers have come up against me,
Even men of violence.
And they seek my life's destruction;
God is not within their thoughts.

See how God has been my helper,
How my Lord sustains my soul:
To my foes He pays back evil
In Your truth destroy them all!
I will sacrifice with gladness;
I will praise Your name, O LORD.
He has saved me from all trouble;
I have looked on all my foes.

Epistle: James 3:1-9

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

For we all stumble in many ways.

And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.

The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue.

It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

Sermon: The Jerusalem Council

Acts 15:1-21

Lord's Supper

Bread: Just As I Am

#501

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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