

April 26, 2026
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Isa 11:4-5

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Hymn: Come Let Us Sing unto the Lord
Invocation

#16

The Law of Christ: Eph 4:31-32

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

Congregation: Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Lord you are the only Righteous God; you are the one who determines truth, justice, right and good. You have called us to be your disciples, to think your thoughts after you and to reflect your image in the world. But at times we are more like salt that has lost its taste, we can be like broken buckets that hold no water, our reflection of your image is fractured at best.

Holy Father, we confess and bewail our sins, great and small, inward and outward, omission and commission; we are helpless apart from your grace.

We acknowledge that there is abundant grace for us in the work and merits of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for uniting us to him by your Spirit.

Renew our wills and our affections that we would love you and the things that you love; thereby being an influence for good, righteousness and justice in the world.

All this we ask in the name of and for the sake of Jesus your Son and our Savior and King. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12, 14 When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has made us perfect before Him.

Pastor: How has He made you perfect?

Congregation: By Christ's single sacrifice for all my sins.

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our High Priest, 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, ²⁰ 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: O for a Closer Walk with God

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Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q31

31. Q. Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Song: I then shall live.

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As one whose been forgiven.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father.

I am his child and I am not afraid.

So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother

The Law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live

as one whose learned compassion.
I've been so loved
That I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges
I'll dare to see another's point of view
And when relationships demand commitment
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me
your power and glory, let them shine through me
Your hallowed name, Oh may I bear with honor
And may your living kingdom come in me
THE BREAD OF LIFE! Oh May I share with honor
And may you feed a hungry world through me

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 2:18-28

Psalter: Ps 59 (Tune All Saints New, #452)

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.

But of Thy strength I'll sing aloud,
At morn Thy mercy praise;

For Thou hast been my refuge high,
My fort in evil days.
O Thou Who art my strength, I will
Sing praises unto Thee;
For God is my defense, the God
Of grace He is to me.

Epistle: James 5:9-13

Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast.

You have heard of the steadfastness of Job,

and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath,

but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Sermon: Walking Worthy of the Call

Eph 4:1-3

Lord's Supper

Bread: Ah Holy Jesus How Hast Thou Offended #248

Cup: The Wonder of Your Mercy, Lord

Chorus:

The wonder of your mercy, Lord
The beauty of your grace;
That you would even pardon me
And bring me to this place.
I stand before your holiness,
I can only stand amazed.
The sinless Savior died to make
A Covenant of Grace.

I only want to serve you,
Bring honor to your name,
And though I've often failed you,
Your faithfulness remains.

I'll glory in my weakness,
That I might know your strength;
I will live my life at the cross of Christ
And raise a banner to proclaim

Chorus

You welcome us before you,
Into this holy place,
The brilliance of your glory
Demands our endless praise.
The one and only Savior
Has opened heaven's doors;
We can enter in free from all our sin,
By your cleansing sacrifice.

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
Postlude