

September 20, 2026
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy.

Hymn: God the Lord a King Remaineth
Invocation

#64

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: Adapted from The Broken Heart – The Valley of vision

O, LORD, No day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; Praise has been often a praiseless sound.

Blessed Jesus, let me find a hiding place in your appeasing wounds. Though my sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them; though my unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, your righteousness exalts me to your Father's throne. All things in me call for my rejection, all things in you plead for my acceptance. Keep me always clinging to your cross. Flood me, I beg you, every moment with descending grace. Through Christ our only Savior, Amen

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 Counselor.

Pastor: Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Congregation: We praise you for the position we have in Christ. We pray that our lives will reflect him in all we do. Thank you that in Christ we too have died to sin. Help us to set our minds on the heavenly things so that we would love you above all and our neighbors as ourselves.

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: Though Troubles Assail Us

#95

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #52

52. Q. What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

A. In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me. He will cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.

Song: Keep me true, Lord Jesus

Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true
Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true
There's a race that must be run
There's a vic'try to be won
Every hour, by thy power, keep me true!

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 13:1-23

Psalter: Ps 81 (Tune Brother James' Air, #86)

To God our Strength, to Jacob's God,
A song and shout now raise!
With psalm and timbrel, harp, and lute,
Awake to joyous praise!
At each new moon the trumpets blow
For solemn festal days.

This is the law of Jacob's God,
For Isr'el His command.
This witness He for Joseph set
When smiting Egypt's land.
When there I heard a foreign tongue
I could not understand.

I from his shoulder took the load,
His hands from burdens freed.

You called Me when in trouble sore;
I saved you in your need,
Tried you at streams of Meribah;
In thunder I gave heed.

Hear, O my people! Is-ra-el:
'Gainst you I'll testify.
If only you would hear Me now!
On no strange god rely;
Have none near you; don't worship them.
The LORD your God am I.

Epistle: 2 Peter 1: 10-15

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,
since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Sermon: You have Ordained Them to Punish?

Hab 1:12-2:1

Lord's Supper

Bread: Not All the Blood of Beasts

#241

Cup: Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the Holy Lamb of God,
 O wash me in His precious blood,
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,

To be led by Your staff and Rod
And to be called the lamb of God.

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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