

Morning Worship

Sunday, November 7th 2021

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

I Corinthians 2:6-8 (ESV)

Sing Praise to Christ

Worship Presider: **Elder Lewis Waha**

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before thee? (Who shall stand before thee?)
O who shall stand before thee? (Who shall stand before thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, and til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israels seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

Prayer of Invocation

We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.

Confess Your Sins to Our Gracious God

Call to Confession

Proverbs 9:9-10

- 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Prayer of Confession

Lord of all wisdom,

We thank you for the wisdom by which you made this world. You order all nature and history by your wisdom, working all things according to your holy will. You order our personal lives by your wisdom, bringing into them exactly the right combination of joys and sorrows, trials and blessings, to shape us after the image of your beloved Son.

Lord, we confess that we deeply like wisdom. We have not feared you, but instead have feared people and circumstances, giving the reference and all to the created order that belongs to you as our Creator. We have rejected your perfect wisdom, revealed in your Word, preferring to trust the wisdom of this world instead. We have sought to define for ourselves what is good and what is evil in our relationships, our speech, our work, and our sexuality. We have failed to love others as we are; instead we have hurt them with foolish and unkind words, or with cold and heartless silence. We have grumbled about your providence and the circumstances of our lives, instead of recognizing and delighting in your fatherly wisdom that does all things well.

Jesus, thank you that you are the wisdom of God. Living among us as a man, you referenced your heavenly Father perfectly. You always obeyed his wise Word, and knew perfectly how to respond to every situation and in every relationship. You gave gentle answers when they were appropriate, spoke convicting words when they were necessary, and held your peace when that was the wisest response. You never complained about your father's will for your life, even though it meant learning obedience through suffering. In the end, you paid the penalty that our sinful folly deserved, so that through the wisdom of the cross you might accomplish the Father's plan to redeem your people.

Spirit of wisdom, teach us to seek after wisdom passionately. Wisdom is your gift; give us hearts that desire it and pursue it. Show us how wisdom always leads us back to the cross, on to obedience, and upward toward our heavenly home. He's in the day when we will join the crowd around the throne in heaven, lost in reverence before the God of all wisdom, the lamb slain for our sins. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 1:27-30

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing.
I come with your righteousness on, my humble offering to bring.
The judgments of your holy law with me can have nothing to do,
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which your goodness began the arm of your strength will complete.
Your promise is yes and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now, no power below or above,
Can make you your purpose forego or sever my soul from your love.

My name from the palms of your hands eternity will not erase,
Impressed on your heart it remains in marks of indelible grace.
Yes I, to the end will endure until I bow down at your throne:
Forever and always secure, forever and always secure,
Forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 and 12:9-14

¹ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³ What does man gain by all the toil

at which he toils under the sun?
4 A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.
5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down,
and hastens to the place where it rises.
6 The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.
7 All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they flow again.
8 All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.
9 What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.
10 Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?
It has been already
in the ages before us.
11 There is no remembrance of former things,
nor will there be any remembrance
of later things yet to be
among those who come after.

12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I applied my heart
to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy
business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 14 I have seen
everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after
wind.

12:9-14

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and
studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to
find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.^[c] ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with^[d] every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Sermon “God’s Gospel Bassoon”

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Rest in the Gifts of His Grace

The Lord’s Supper

All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. The cups with lighter liquid contain grape juice, the darker liquid is wine. The darker bread in the paper cup in the center of the plate is gluten-free. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ’s sacrifice.

Song of Preparation:

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love, at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in him, no other. My soul is satisfied in him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die. Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us, at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess: My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed - my ransom paid, at the cross. *Refrain*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

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.
*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. *Refrain (twice)*

Benediction

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