

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Worship Presider: Elder Lewis Waha

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Prayer of Invocation

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

Recount the Wonders of His Mercy

Call to Confession: Luke 6:27-28, 35-36

But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great,

and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from *Prone to Wander*)

O Lover of the Unlovely,

It is your will that we should love you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and that we should love our enemies and our neighbors as ourselves. We confess to you that we are not sufficient for these things. By nature, there is no pure love in our souls, and every affection in us is turned away from you and others and toward ourselves. We are prisoners of our own lust and self-worship until you set us free. We fear and despise our enemies, hoping for their ruin and at times causing it. We break covenants with our friends carelessly, and fail to keep the promises we have made. Father, forgive us for our many sins.

Lord, thank you for your perfect Son who loved his enemies even as he was punished for their sin and tortured in their place. He showed tender love to the most evil and ungrateful people, those who were just like us in every way. When Jesus sought refuge in you as he was dying, you looked away and allowed him to be utterly crushed by the mountain of our sins. He was stripped so that we might be clothed in his righteousness; he was wounded so that we might be healed; he was tormented so that we might be comforted; he was shamed so that we could inherit eternal glory; he entered darkness to be our light; he was made an enemy so that we could be your friend. Thank you for the cross and for our great salvation!

Father, help us to become kind and merciful lovers of our friends and enemies. Open our eyes to your amazing love and generosity toward us until we are transformed into your image, to love as you love. When we are sinned against, cause us to cherish your great mercy to us and then extend it freely to other wretched sinners like ourselves. May we always see ourselves accurately as helpless sinners in need of grace, so that we never move beyond the cross or consider ourselves better than our worst enemies. Thank you for loving us when we hated you, and for abandoning your precious Son to welcome us into your family forever. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5: 8-10

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Come weary saints, though tired and weak, hide away in the love of Jesus;
Your strength will return by his quiet streams, hide away in the love of Jesus.
Hear him calling your name see the depths of his love
In the wounds of his grace, hide away, hide away.

Come wand'ring souls, and find your home, hide away in the love of Jesus;
He offers the rest that you yearn to know, hide away in the love of Jesus.
Refrain

Come guilty ones, weighed down with sin, hide away in the love of Jesus;
The freedom you long for is found in him, hide away in the love of Jesus.
Refrain

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair, hide away in the love of Jesus;
For ten thousand joys await you there, hide away in the love of Jesus.
Refrain

(Children may be excused to YWIT class.)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Gracious Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Sermon The Golden Parable

Reverend Bob Pazehoski

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn’
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more *Refrain*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more *Refrain*

Receive 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:

The Servant King

From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served, but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear,
His heart with sorrow was torn, "yet not my will but yours," he said. *Refrain*

Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain*

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him,
Each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving. *Refrain*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

He is Jesus

There's a treasure great in beauty far surpassing earth's great wealth;
He is Jesus, Prince of Glory, source of all grace, peace, and health.
There's a fountain ever flowing, satisfying all who drink;
He is Jesus, spring of joy to all who hail him as their King.

There's a power, holy power breaking bonds of captive men;
He is Jesus, mighty Jesus, holy warrior and sinner's friend.
There's a Savior rich in mercy, quick to pardon all our sins;
He is Jesus, great Redeemer, reconciling God and man.

There's a glorious Lord returning and all will bow to him alone;
He is Jesus, King of nations, reigning from his gracious throne.
There is one to whom our praises will through every age ascend;
He is Jesus, King forever, whose wondrous rule will never end.

Benediction

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