# Lord's Day Worship Sunday, November 6, 2022

Worship Presider: Reverend Seob Kim

## Sing Praise to the Lord

## Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though hits waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

## **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 Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

## **Prayer of Confession**

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

God of truth and revelation,

Make us humble disciples in the school of Christ. Teach us daily that we are fallen, sinful creatures who justly deserve everlasting destruction. We nurture lies, deep in our hearts. We distrust you and your promises, despite how clearly you have revealed yourself in history and in Scripture. We believe Satan's lie that you do not desire our good, our joy, or our happiness, and so we excuse our self-destructive pursuit of our own desires and our dismissal of your wise and loving instruction. We do not speak truthfully with one another, but we constantly spin, minimize, or excuse our sin while we inflate, exalt, and call attention to our selfishly motivated good works. We neglect your life-giving Word ourselves, and we weaponize your truth in order to accuse and control others. We despise others with whom we disagree, when everything we have learned about you and your world is a gift of your Spirit.

Lord Jesus, thank you for not despising our ignorance from the enlightened glories of heaven. Thank you for taking on humanity in order to live among us. You proclaimed truth to us in order to call us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. You lived a life of genuine truthfulness and integrity, lovingly confronting spiritual know-it-alls and comforting the spiritually downcast. You spoke truth with grace and gentleness, not to tear down but to bind up, and you pointed lie-captured hearts back to the reality of your Father's loving care.

Holy Spirit, lift the fog and darkness of our unbelief. Shine the light of your truth on our darkened minds. Show us Jesus Christ in all his beauty and loveliness, all his grace and compassion. Lead us daily to the cross, so that we may contemplate in his sufferings the immensity of his love for us. Holy Spirit, deepen in us an understanding of these profound truths, and do not let Satan deceive us with his cunning lies. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

#### O Church Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,

As the Son of God is stricken;

Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave, This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

## **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

## Give Attention to His Powerful Word

## **Scripture Reading**

## **2 Corinthians 11:1-15**

I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! <sup>2</sup> For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. <sup>3</sup> But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these superapostles. <sup>6</sup> Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

<sup>7</sup>Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? <sup>8</sup>I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. <sup>9</sup>And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. <sup>10</sup>As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. <sup>11</sup>And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

<sup>12</sup> And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. <sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Sermon

"The Truth of Christ is In Me"

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#### **Confession of Faith**

#### **Westminster Confession**

Chapter 17: Of the Perseverance of the Saints

17.2 This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them; and the nature of the covenant of grace; from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

17.3 They that are called to labor in the ministry of the word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

## **Heidelberg Catechism**

#### 127 Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies —the devil, the world, and our own flesh— do not cease to attack us. Will you, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.

#### We Come, O Christ to You

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, By whom all things consist, in whom all life began: In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid; In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you, The Source of every skill, the one eternal True! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live The more abundant life that earth can never give: O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King, To you our hearts with praise adoringly we bring: So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

## 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.

## **Song of Preparation:**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down; Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit, into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

## Song of Response:

## Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home,
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

#### **Benediction**

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