

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Worship Presider: Reverend Bob Schmidtberger

Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

Psalm 139:7-12

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; here by thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood wash'd linen how I'll sing thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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

Psalm 70:4-5

May all who seek you
 rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
 say evermore, “God is great!”
⁵ But I am poor and needy;
 hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
 O LORD, do not delay!

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from *Streams of Mercy*)

Lover of our souls,

Like Adam and Eve, we are people who hide from you instead of running toward you when we sin. In the footsteps of our fallen parents, we idolize your good creation and use it to escape from you, fashioning pathetic fig leaves and hiding behind the bushes that you have made. We have never sought you with our whole hearts, though we daily pursue our own desire with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Lord, forgive us for our relentless self-love and worship.

Holy Spirit, show us that we are poor, weak, and needy. Come quickly to deliver us from our blindness and to rescue us from our pride and shame. Convict us of our sin and give us the sweet gifts of repentance and godly sorrow. Show us our sinless Savior, who always obeyed his Father, seeking the Father’s will and glory above his own comfort and safety. In the garden of Gethsemane he agonized, longing to escape the bitter shame and curse of the death appointed for him. Yet he sought us with his whole heart by living and dying for us, rising triumphantly to claim us for himself, and fulfilling his Father’s purpose to have a beloved people of his own.

Fill our hearts and minds with the reality of Christ’s loving pursuit of us, so that we learn to love him more each day. Help us to be filled constantly with gratitude to him, to love him more than we love our pathetic idols, to seek him with growing joy, to run to him swiftly when we sin, and to have unshakeable confidence in his finished work and his perpetual care for us. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Gospel Doxology

Your perfect Law exposes me; I feel my sin and desperate need.
My best good works are powerless to satisfy your righteousness.

But there is One who lived for me; his life, my only victory,
His death forever sealed in time that I am his and he is mine.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Children may be excused to YWIT class.)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sermon

“Hidden and Hiding in Christ”

Reverend Robert Pazehoski

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

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:

Living Waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these Living Waters
Time unbroken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these Living Waters
Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of Living Waters
Lay your life down
On Thee, all come
Rise up in these Living Waters

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of Living Waters*

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line
Life is in these Living Waters
Refrain

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these Living Waters
Love, forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ, He is our Living Water
Refrain

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.
Tempted, tried, and oft-times failing, he, my Strength, my victory wins.
Chorus

Jesus, what a Help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my Comfort, helps my soul. *Chorus*

Jesus, what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my Pilot, hears my cry. *Chorus*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Chorus*

Benediction

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