

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Worship Presider: Elder Lewis Waha

“Holiness, as taught in the Scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness.”

—A.W. Tozer, *Preparing for Jesus' Return: Daily Live the Blessed Hope*

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:12, Isaiah 6:3

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns! Alleluia!

Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty!

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!

You are holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb! Amen. (*Repeat*)

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

Isaiah 6:5

And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Prayer of Confession

(from *Prone to Wander*)

Lord God Almighty,

As we gaze upon your holiness, we are left devastated by our sinfulness. We are lost in the uncleanness of our lips. Unimaginably selfish, utterly prideful, and crushingly unloving words have been spoken freely from these lips. At the same time, we often use our lips to say good things only so that we will be praised by others or so that you will accept us based on our righteousness. We constantly fail to use our lips to say loving or truthful things because we would rather save

ourselves the trouble of loving you and others. We live among others who also have unclean lips: we have been mocked, offended, and hated through the lips of others. We confess that we have often responded to these sins with spiteful anger.

Show us our Savior! The prophet cried “Woe is me!” as his unclean lips were exposed in light of your holiness. We come boldly to you because the woe that we deserve has been entirely poured out on your Son, Jesus Christ. The sacrifice appointed to redeem our shameful lips was none other than the gruesome death of one whose lips were perfectly clean. Jesus’ lips spoke love to children, quieted storms, declared forgiveness to sinners, kissed in selfless love, and remained silent before his accusers. When Jesus was angry, his lips remained pure, as his anger was expressed in ways that continued to fulfill your commandment to love you and others before himself. The very lips that spoke, “Father forgive them” that we might be saved, cried out in agony, “Father, why have you forsaken me?” so that we would not be forsaken. We are left in awe at this unfathomable act of love.

Thank you, Father, that the cross stands empty now. Jesus is risen, and you have made us alive in him. Help us, Lord, to speak in light of this gospel news. May we use our lips to speak the same grace and love that have been so richly lavished upon us. When we fail, Lord, help us to remember the words of forgiveness that have been so powerfully guaranteed by the blood of Jesus. Help us to wait patiently for the day when our faith will be sight, the day our lips will finally and purely sing, “Hallelujah, what a Savior!” In Jesus’ name, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Man of Sorrows

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
“Full atonement!” can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in Heav’n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

(Children may be excused to YWIT class.)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Hear His Holy Word

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-6

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Luke 24:13-27

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Sermon

“Holy Ground”

Reverend Jim Cossin

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy, is he.

Sing a new song, to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!

With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!

You are my everything, and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,

To you the Only Wise King. *Refrain*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath, and living water, such a marvelous mystery!

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:

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken, 'tis a true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed! See who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost.
Christ the Rock of our salvation, Christ the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded! Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

Nothing But the Blood

Your blood speaks a better word, than all the empty claims
I've heard upon this earth, speaks righteousness for me,
And stands in my defense, Jesus it's your blood.

Your cross testifies in grace, tells of the Father's heart
To make a way for us, now boldly we approach
Not by earthly confidence, it's only by your blood.

What can wash away our sins? What can make us whole again?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can wash us pure as snow? Welcomed as the friends of God,
Nothing but your blood, nothing but your blood King Jesus.

*Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Glory! Glory! This I sing—nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring—nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Benediction

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