

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Worship Presider: Reverend Robert Schmidtberger

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:12-17

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, O LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
*On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in
his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

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

1 John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

O heavenly Father,

Teach us to see that if Christ has pacified your wrath and satisfied your divine justice he can also deliver us from our sins. Remind us often that you do not desire us, as justified sons and daughters, to live in self-confidence and rest on our own strength. You have given us the Spirit of life to live within us and to cause us to want to obey you; the Spirit and his power are ours because we are joined to Christ by faith.

Father, we are often confused by the sin that remains even though your Spirit dwells in us. We do not love others well, and we cannot come close to loving as we have been loved by you in Jesus. We make very small progress in holiness, and each new day seems to reveal more sin in us that we saw before. Help us to understand that the Spirit of life within us speaks to the law on our behalf and cancels the power of sin and death. We thank you, Holy Father, for giving your precious Son to die for our sin, and for crediting us with all of his glorious perfections, even as we continue to sin daily.

Holy Spirit, flood our souls with gratitude for the precious blood of Christ. When you strengthen us to obey, let us thank you for it and see your hand in it, lest we take credit for your work and grow proud. Give us grace to admit what is true about us, and grace to see what is true about Christ. Teach us to love one another freely, just as we have been cherished by our heavenly Father. May obedience to him be our greatest goal and highest honor, and gratitude our reason to strive for obedience time and time again. In the name and for the glory of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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****Galatians 4:4-6**

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Sermon**“The Wonder of Adoption”**

Reverend Blair McFarland

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men,
Oh you rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise, you are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we hopelessly lost the way. *Chorus*

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us, falling before your throne,
Oh we're falling before your throne. *Chorus*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the feast.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheaths his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe;
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou has brought us life and light;
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in their hearts:
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost:
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth. *Chorus*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail!
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
For all who call upon his name. *Chorus*

Benediction

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