

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Worship Presider: Elder Lewis Waha

“So long as we do not look beyond the earth, we are quite pleased with our own righteousness, wisdom, and virtue; we address ourselves in the most flattering terms, and seem only less than demigods. But should we once begin to raise our thoughts to God, and reflect what kind of Being he is, and how absolute the perfection of that righteousness, and wisdom, and virtue, to which, as a standard, we are bound to be conformed, what formerly delighted us by its false show of righteousness will become polluted with the greatest iniquity; what strangely imposed upon us under the name of wisdom will disgust by its extreme folly; and what presented the appearance of virtuous energy will be condemned as the most miserable impotence. So far are those qualities in us, which seem most perfect, from corresponding to the divine purity.”

— John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:12, Isaiah 6:3

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
To him be power and wealth, wisdom and might,
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

“The purpose of confessing our sins is not to render us miserable by simply reminding us what great sinners we are. It is to remind us of what a great Savior we have.” Pastor I. Duguid

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

(by Rev. Bob Schmidtberger)

O Lord our God, You are our Almighty God, Maker of Heaven and Earth and all that we see around and about us. We worship You, because You are holy and righteous and true, there is none who is like You.

We worship You because You have in grace called us to Yourself in love.

We worship You because you have redeemed and saved us from your just wrath.

We worship You for You have put it into our hearts to love and worship You.

As we gaze upon your holiness, we can see nothing but our sins. We want to run and hide from You, thinking that if we do, You will not see us as we truly are, how foolish of us, for you see all things, nothing is hidden from Your eyes. Grant us grace to acknowledge and confess to You, our manifold sins and wickedness, to do so without dissembling or cloaking them before You, the face of our almighty God and heavenly Father.

Give us grace to confess our sins with a humble, contrite, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain Your forgiveness out of you Your infinite goodness and mercy. When left to ourselves, we seek to convince others we are good and righteous, that you are lucky to have us on Your side. We are so foolish, when we hear the scripture proclaims, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord” we see our sin exposed for all to see, we truly are men of unclean lips, dwelling in the midst of a people of unclean lips. What can we do? Our sins past and present arise before our eyes to condemn us, we see our selfishness, our pride, we may deceive others but before you we are left naked and exposed.

You call us to love You, but we have not we have loved the world.

You have called us to serve you wholeheartedly, but we have served ourselves.

You have called us to worship and praise You, but we give only lipservice, rather we seek the praise for ourselves, we steal Your glory as our own, forgive us.

We do not sanctify you as holy and we take Your care for granted, we are fools.

While proclaiming our trust in you in practice we live as atheist,

We do what You forbid and leave undone the things You command.

Truly our lips are unclean, we use them to crush and curse others, while praising ourselves and our friends, neglecting Your praise, while exalting ourselves. With feigned praise we try and win Your favor and acceptance, yet our praise is vain. Although with our lips we mock, abuse and offend others we are outraged when

others do so to us. In response we are angry and vengeful, plotting in our hearts and minds their downfall, and if such should happen we rejoice and are glad.

Truly we need our Savior Jesus, who loved You perfectly, who obeyed you fully and completely in thought, word and deed. Let His lips wash ours, for His sake see His obedient lips as ours, see His love for You as ours, when you look upon us, hear the dying words He uttered on the cross “Father forgive them.”

Seeing His love for us and His obedience in our place, we are left speechless, and like the elders gather before the throne, we fall before You in awe of Your amazing grace in worship and praise. We the angels and archangels we bear witness to you and proclaim **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of his glory.** 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.”

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below will be forever mine.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Hear His Holy Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Sermon

A Portrait of God's Love

Josiah Mitchell

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.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;

Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

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Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;

Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Let us early turn to thee.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;

Blessèd Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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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:

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace.
One in Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Reverend Tony Cowley

Song of Response:

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
Ev'n for His own name's sake

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still

A table Thou has furnished me
In presence of my foes
My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in GOD'S house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be

Benediction

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