

# **Lord's Day Worship**

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## ***Sing Praise to the Lord***

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 146:1-2, 8-9**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being... The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

### **\*Psalm 146**

Praise the LORD my soul! O praise him!  
I'll extol him all my days.  
While I live, to God my Savior  
from my heart I will sing praise.

Do not put your trust in princes,  
mortal men who cannot save.  
All their plans will come to nothing  
when they perish in the grave.

Blessed is the one who truly  
looks for help to Jacob's God;  
Blessèd is the one who places  
all his hope upon the LORD

He who made the earth and heaven  
and the seas, with all their store;  
He who keeps his every promise,  
who is faithful evermore.

He delivers from oppression  
and relieves the hungry's plight.  
He releases those in prison;  
to the blind the LORD gives sight.

Those who are bowed down he raises.  
God delights in righteousness.  
He protects and cares for strangers,  
widows and the fatherless.

He frustrates the wicked's purpose.  
So the LORD through endless days  
Reigns to every generation.  
Praise your God, O Zion, praise!

Praise the LORD, my soul! O praise him!  
I'll extol him all my days.  
While I live, to God my Savior  
from my heart I will sing praise.

### **\*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 55:6-7**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(From *The Valley of Vision*)**

ETERNAL FATHER,  
You are good beyond all thought,  
But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind;  
My lips are ready to confess,  
    but my heart is slow to feel,  
    and my ways reluctant to change.  
I bring my soul to you;  
    break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.  
Unmask to me sin's deformity,  
    that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.  
My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you;  
    as a rebel I have misused my strength,  
    and served the rebellious enemy of your kingdom.  
Give me grace to bewail my habitual follies,  
Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard,

that evil paths are wretched paths,  
 that to depart from you is to lose all good.  
 I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law,  
 the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns,  
 the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls,  
     yet I daily violate and condemn its precepts.  
 Your loving Spirit strives within me,  
 brings me Scripture warnings,  
 speaks in startling providences,  
 appeals by secret whispers,  
     yet I choose devices and desires to my own hurt,  
     impiously resent, grieve,  
         and provoke him to abandon me.  
 All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.  
 Work in me more profound and abiding repentance;  
 Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears,  
     yet ever trusts and loves,  
     which is ever powerful, and ever confident;  
 Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly  
     the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 147:1-6**

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

### **\* Show Us Christ**

Prepare our hearts, O God; help us to receive.  
 Break the hard and stony ground; help our unbelief.  
 Plant your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit.  
 Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in your truth.

*Show us Christ; show us Christ.*

*O God, reveal your glory through the preaching of your Word  
 Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes,  
Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.  
Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,  
Riches for the needy soul; come speak to us today. *Chorus*

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. (4x)

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

### ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

## **Children's Message**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Acts 3:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.  
<sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup>Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ <sup>24</sup>And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. <sup>25</sup>You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’  
<sup>26</sup>God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

## **Sermon**

### **“When Ignorance is Not Bliss”**

Reverend Seob Kim

## **Sermon Outline**

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the People

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the People.

## **Confession of Faith**

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

\*Q 87. What is Repentance unto Life?

A. Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner having truly realized his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience.

*(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of this song.)*

### **\*Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchased of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long! (x2)*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
*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. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.*

### **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.  
It was his love that held him there until it was accomplished,  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that "it is finished."

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

## **Abide With Me**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## **\*Benediction**

### **\* Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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