

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

***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*

***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

Matthew 10:26-28

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Prayer of Confession

(From *Streams of Mercy*)

Heavenly Father,

How easily we become fearful and distressed by our difficult circumstances when it appears that life is out of control! We fear those who have the power to kill our bodies, feeling anxious about terrorists, criminals, and many other dangers in this fallen world. We forget that they must answer to you and have no power to send us to hell. We even fear those who have power to embarrass us- to make us feel uncomfortable or ashamed. We dread the disapproval of those whose good opinion we crave, or of those who have power over us and can thwart our dreams and desires. We quickly forget your awesome power to lift up and bring down people and nations. We don't remember that you govern every molecule in this universe, including every thought, word, and deed that occurs. As a result, we act as if our future lay entirely within our own grasp or were at the disposal of those around us. Forgive us for our faithless fear and for its opposite: our self-confident pride.

Lord Jesus, thank you for your humble and constant trust in your Father. You feared no one on earth; instead, you feared the Lord with perfect reverence. When evil men did their worst, nailing you to a cross and killing your body, you still entrusted your soul to your Father's hands. You entered the hell of suffering for our sins, so that we would never have to fear that terrible fate. Thank you that your perpetual confident faith is now counted to us, as if it were our own.

Holy Spirit, give us a fresh boldness to face each new day- a boldness that flows from believing in God's promises and trusting in God's sovereign power and goodness. Teach us the proper fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom. Enable us to resist the constant pressure to conform to the values of this world, and draw us to pray whenever we face trouble or joys in life. Help us to walk alongside each other in difficult times, bearing one another's burdens and reminding each other of the certain outcome of the race that is set before us: a joyous welcome into our Father's arms. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

*** How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled:

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathways will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply;
The flame will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

Even down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1-22

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with ⁶ Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Sermon

"Call to Boldness"

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Sermon Outline

I. Peter's Bold Gospel _____.

II. Peter's Bold Gospel _____.

***Confession of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Apostles' Creed

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.

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

***O Church, Arise**

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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.

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. *Chorus*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.
*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land. (x2)*

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. *Chorus*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest? *Chorus*

***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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