

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

***Come Christians, Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

***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

Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-29

You shall not commit adultery.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Heavenly Father,

We confess before you the many ways in which we have abused our sexuality. Lord, instead of delighting in sex as a glorious gift of deep intimacy within marriage, we have twisted it in many ways. We have used sex to pursue false intimacy in serial relationships, either in actuality or in our minds. We have sold our purity to purchase love and acceptance, or to fill the emptiness and loneliness in our hearts. Our sexuality has been squandered in service of our idols, instead of being honored and guarded as you intended. Some of us have been deeply affected by sexual abuse, which leaves profound scars on this area of our lives. Others are proud of our pretended purity, but our hearts are as defiled as everyone else’s. Instead of being a reflection of your passionate, jealous, and unique commitment to your people, our sexuality is a cesspool of divided loyalties and self-serving acts. What you made good, we have defiled.

Lord, when the shame of our broken sexuality threatens to overwhelm us, help us to flee to the cross. We praise you for Jesus, your perfect Son- even though he was endowed with normal sexual desires, he resisted sexual temptation perfectly, knowing that we would need his obedience to cover us and enable us to stand joyfully before you.

Holy Spirit, for the sake of your holy name, cleanse our hearts from our idols. Enable us to guard our minds and our eyes in the midst of a sex-saturated culture. Give us grace within our marriages to serve and enjoy each other through our sexuality as a way of developing and experiencing deep union together. Teach us to encourage one another in our struggles and failures and to comfort those who fall with the good news of the gospel. Help our churches to support those who are not married with a network of intimate relationships, in which they are profoundly known, loved, and cherished. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:1-18

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Sermon

What Do You Expect?

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Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 3:1-18, the Apostle Paul destroys the Galatian believers' flawed expectation of the Law by proving that believers' righteousness and blessing come from faith alone.

I. The Proof from the _____

II. The Proof from the _____

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Q 11.2. Dear Christians, what do we believe about a believer's saving Faith?

A. Faith—receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness—is the only instrument of justification; yet it is not the only grace in the person justified, but is always accompanied by all other saving graces. Justifying faith is not dead, but works by love.

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

*In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu'rors we are! *Refrain*

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

Carried To The Table

Wounded and forsaken, I was shattered by the fall.
Broken and forgotten, I was lost and all alone.
Summoned by the King into the Master's courts,
Lifted by the Savior, and cradled in his arms.

*I was carried to the table, seated where I don't belong,
Carried to the table, swept away by his love.
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord.
I'm carried to the table, the table of the Lord.*

Fighting thoughts of fear and wondering why he called my name:
"Am I good enough to share this cup?" This world has left me lame.
Even in my weakness, the Savior called my name;
In his holy presence, I'm healed and unashamed. *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

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