

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

***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

Exodus 20:16; James 3:5-6, 9-10

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Giver of all graces,

You are full of grace and truth, and all your mercies end in our delight. Since the dawn of time, when Satan first tempted with a lie and mankind readily chose to believe it, we have been people full of blindness and deception. In the garden, you made a promise that your goodness, kindness, and love would triumph over our rebellion, and you have kept that promise. You have never lied to us, and you have been faithful to your Word, though we have been unfaithful deceivers. Father, thank you for your grace, mercy, and truth.

We confess that truth does not reign in our innermost hearts. We are easily deceived by our own desires, and we are often sinful deceivers of others. We use our tongues to sing your praises one moment, and the next we use them to lie to ourselves, to you, and to those around us. We bear false witness against others in order to get our way, to ensure that our will is done, to make ourselves look good, to escape punishment, and for many other reasons. In our fallen sinfulness, it is easy for us to distort truth and call it honesty, and to exaggerate facts and believe our own lies. Father, forgive us for the depth and darkness of our selfish sin. Thank you for your Son, who is our way, our truth, and our life. His perfect honesty has become ours through his life and death, and now the powerful truth about him rescues us and changes us for all eternity.

Spirit of Truth, illuminate us and transform us, we pray. Convict us of our specific sins and help us to repent, for we cannot do this without your help. May the pure truth of our Father's unconditional love for liars like us humble us deeply. Let the truth of his joyful determination to save us exalt our hearts and fill us with a gleeful gratitude that lays hold of our hearts and tongues, filling them with thanksgiving and praise. We thank you that you are our advocate, our helper, and our closest friend, and that you will never leave us. Grow us in truth until the day we stand before our precious Savior and become like him forever. In his name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John 14:6, 15-18

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

***His Mercy is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more *Refrain*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more *Refrain*

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:1-7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Sermon

The Time Has Come!

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 4:1-7, Paul teaches that believers are no longer yoked to the Law because the fullness of time has come where Christians are now delivered from the enslavement and tyranny of the Law through God's Son.

I. The _____ Testament: Looking _____

II. The _____ Testament: Looking _____

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Q 7. Dear Christians, what do we believe and confess about the God's Covenant and Testaments?

A 3. Since man, by his fall, made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was then pleased to make a second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace. In it God freely offers life and salvation by Jesus Christ to sinners, requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give his Holy Spirit to all those who are ordained to eternal life, to make them willing and able to believe.

A 5. In the time of the law, this covenant was administered differently than in the time of the gospel. Under the law, it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover lamb, and other types and ordinances given to the Jewish people, all of which foreshadowed Christ to come. These were, for that time, sufficient and efficacious, through the work of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in their faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they received complete forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation. This covenant administration is called the old testament.

A 6. Under the gospel, Christ (the reality) having been revealed, the ordinances by which this covenant is dispensed are the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper. Although these are fewer in number and are administered with more simplicity and less outward glory, yet in them the covenant is set forth in greater fullness, clarity, and spiritual efficacy to all nations, both Jews and Gentiles, and is called the new testament. Therefore, there are not two covenants of grace differing in substance, but only one, under various administrations.

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

***Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high!
Here they trusted him before us; now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood;
You are worthy Lamb of God!”

The Celebration of Baptism

Today we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Felicity Hannah Jones.

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 heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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