

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

John 10:27-30

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

***All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name**

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. (repeat)

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s Rod, and crown him Lord of all. (repeat)

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. (repeat)

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all. (repeat)

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all. (repeat)

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. (repeat)

***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 20:17; 1 Timothy 6:6-9

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Generous Father,

Every good thing comes from you. You bless us each day with gifts we have not earned—such as life and breath; senses with which to enjoy this world you made for us; bodies that feel, see, smell, and touch. We have not earned these good things. In fact, we were born as rebels against you, and we use the bodies, minds, and senses you have made to sin against you daily by craving what we do not have. With our eyes, we look at others and covet what you have given to them. With our hearts, we grumble and fantasize about how to get them.

We covet the honor, power, wealth, beauty, and success we don't have, and we shake our tiny fists in your face when you withhold what we want so badly. We want better grades, more money, greater health, success at all we do. . . . The list is nearly endless, and we devote a great deal of emotional energy to yearning for what we want while despising what we do have. How easily our desires lead to fights and conflicts among us! We live in a world that is wholly governed by your perfect and sovereign will, yet we quickly grumble against you and despise others. We are weak and full of selfishness, Father—forgive us.

Holy Spirit, let us see that our sin of coveting what our neighbors have is actually a rebellion against you and a rejection of your loving provision for us. Open our eyes to the emotions and beliefs that deceive us and make us miserable with ourselves and others. Help us to see the ugly thoughts and words that flow from our jealousy, and help us to confess this sin, to repent, and to ask for forgiveness. When we see our sin and our guilt overwhelms us, lift our eyes upward from this world and show us afresh the goodness of Christ in our place: his patience and contentment with his low position and difficult calling. He never grumbled about what he didn't have or lusted after the wealth and position of others. He didn't abuse his power to get his way or accumulate things. When hungry and tempted to turn stones into bread, he was willing and able to wait for your provision at the right time. He didn't lust for power or glory, though he deserved those very things. Even when he was filled with dread before he died and you declined his request for the cup to pass from him, he did not argue or disobey, but submitted to your will and provision. Now his perfect contentment is ours. O God, fill us with a gratitude that is radically transforming and makes us willing and able to give up everything this world can offer in order to love and follow Christ. Remind us often of the great inheritance you have prepared for us; help us to wait well and to thank you humbly for every small mercy you give us each day. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:7-8

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

***All I Have Is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will;
And if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed you suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see,
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose;
And let my song forever be my only boast is you.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

John 6:66-71

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

Sermon

Faith and Unbelief
Mr. Nick Haushalter

Sermon Outline

Proposition: There are only three possible responses to the person and teachings of Jesus Christ: unbelief, faithfulness, and pretending.

I. The unbelief of the Jews

II. The faithfulness of Peter and the Apostles

III. The pretending of Judas

Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe and confess as the Body of Christ?

A. 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.
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 the next song.)

***All Glory Be To Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me, What is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ! *Chorus*

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ! *Chorus*

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal!

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord; then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus (2x)

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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