

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, November 12th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

***Psalm 62 B**

My soul find rest in God alone
Salvation comes from Him
He's my salvation fortress rock
Unshaken I'll remain
How long will you attack a man
By murder make him fall
As though he were a tott'ring fence
Or like a leaning wall?

They plot to bring him toppling down,
In lies they take delight
And as they bless him with their mouth
In heart they curse with spite.
Find rest, my soul, in God alone,
For my hope comes from Him
He's my salvation, fortress, rock;
Unshaken I'll remain

On God alone my glory rests,
And my salvation sure.
God is my mighty rock of strength,
My refuge most secure.
In Him, O people, at all times
Rely with confidence;
Before Him, now, pour out your heart,
For God is our defense.

***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

Jude 20-25

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Commander of the universe,

You are powerful and majestic, and we marvel that you take notice of us. We, your creatures, have rebelled against your authority, yet you set your love on us and rescued us from death and hell. We praise you for choosing to pursue us and for giving us faith to believe in your Son.

Forgive us for believing that we are the captains of our own faith. Even as your redeemed people, we are easily confused and confounded. We deceive ourselves often and take credit for your good work in our lives. When our faith is strong, we think it is because of our obedience, devotion, and determination. When our faith is weak, we are frightened and full of despair, fearing that you have abandoned us because of our sin. Father, forgive us for not knowing and understanding you better. You are always for us, always working to grow us in your way and in your time. You have dealt with our sin once and for all, and in Christ we possess perfect faith and trust. Father, we are grateful that our sin cannot stop you from having your way with us.

Holy Spirit, the law of condemnation is written on our hearts and minds, and Satan easily enslaves us with it. Show us daily that your mercy is not purchased by our faithfulness, but has been bought for us by the obedience of Christ. Strengthen our faith according to your holy will, and help our rebellious souls to submit to you. Make us hungry for truth that will strengthen our wavering faith. Help us to bathe our minds in the good news of our oneness with Christ, and make that reality a strong and mighty shield that protects us in seasons of weak faith. Let us be grateful when faith is strong, for you alone are the giver and perfecter of faith. Let us not be shaken when our faith is weak and Satan terrifies our souls, for even Satan must obey you, and you hold us safely in your mighty arms. Help us not to despise ourselves and others when we struggle with doubt, but to lead each other patiently to the cross of Christ, who lifted the shield of his faith on our behalf and won our salvation and joy. In his strong name and for his glory we ask all these things, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

*And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. *Chorus*

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace,
Emptied himself—so great his love!—and bled for all his chosen race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! *Chorus*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *Chorus*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Chorus

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:21-5:1

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Sermon

Two Women and Two Children

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

Sermon Proposition: In Galatians 4:21-5:1, through the example of Hagar and Sarah, the Apostle Paul shows the foolishness of living a life of legalism, and commands the Galatians to stand firm as the children of Promise.

I. The _____ of Hagar and Sarah

II. The _____ from Hagar and Sarah

III. The _____ according to Hagar and Sarah

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe about Saving Faith?

A 14.1. The grace of faith, by which the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily produced through the ministry of the Word. This faith is increased and strengthened by the same means, and also by the administration of the sacraments and prayer.

14.2. By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatever is revealed in the Word, because of the authority of God himself speaking in it. He also responds differently to what each particular passage contains—obeying the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

14.3. This faith varies in degrees. It may be weak or strong. It may often, and in many ways, be assailed and weakened, but it gains the victory. It matures in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and the perfecter of our faith.

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

***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*

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.

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Broken I shall be in spirit, till released from flesh and sin,
Yet from what I do inherit, here thy praises I'll begin;
Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me, I cannot proclaim it well,
How his kindness still pursues me human tongue can never tell.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; here by thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood wash'd linen how I'll sing thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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

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