

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 33:1-3

While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him a second time: “This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’”

***Cling to Christ**

Father, I can come to You and boast of deeds I’ve done
In my pride I strive to earn the favor Christ has won
He alone pleads my acceptance all my works aside
So I come with empty hands and I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray and battle needless fears
Voices tell me I’m condemned and that I can’t draw near
But Your Spirit calls me homeward with Your words of life
Jesus bore my every sin, so, I cling to Christ

It’s more than I can do
To keep my hold on You
But all my hope and peace
Is that You cling to me (x2)

Father, all my earthly aims in time will turn to dust
Let me learn that loss is gain for those who know Your love
All the treasures of this world will never satisfy
You alone are endless joy, so, I cling to Christ

***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

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners,
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Prayer of Confession

(from *The Valley of Vision*)

YOU ARE INCOMPREHENSIBLE BUT PRAYER-HEARING GOD,

Known, but beyond knowledge,
revealed, but unrevealed,

my wants and welfare draw me to you,
for you have never said, 'Seek me in vain'.

To you I come in my difficulties, necessities, distresses;
possess me with yourself,

with a spirit of grace and supplication,
with a prayerful attitude of mind,
with access into warmth of fellowship,
so that in the ordinary concerns of life
my thoughts and desires may rise to you,
and in habitual devotion I may find a resource that will
soothe my sorrows, sanctify my successes,
and qualify me in all ways for dealings with my fellow men.

I bless you that you have made me capable
of knowing you, the author of all being,
of resembling thee, the perfection of all excellency,
of enjoying thee, the source of all happiness.

O God, attend me in every part of my arduous and trying pilgrimage;
I need the same counsel, defense, comfort I found at my beginning.

Let my religion be more obvious to my conscience,
more perceptible to those around.

While Jesus is representing me in heaven, may I reflect him on earth,
While he pleads my cause, may I show forth his praise.

Continue the gentleness of your goodness towards me,
And whether I wake or sleep, let your presence go with me,
your blessing attend me.

You have led me on and I have found your promises true,
I have been sorrowful, but you have been my help,
fearful, but you have delivered me,
despairing, but you have lifted me up.

Your vows are ever upon me, And I praise you, O God.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:8-20

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

¹² Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³ You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if

possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸ It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, ¹⁹ my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰ I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Sermon

Back at Square One

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 4:8-20, the Apostle Paul expresses his consternation for Galatian believers' voluntary enslavement to the Law and exhorts them to be like Paul in living for the Gospel.

I. The Apostle Paul's _____ for Galatians.

II. The Apostle Paul's _____ to Galatians.

Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession

Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe about the Justification of Sinners?

A 23. We believe that our salvation consists in the remission of our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, and that therein our righteousness before God is implied; as David and Paul teach us, declaring this to be the happiness of man, that God imputes righteousness to him without works. And the same apostle says, that we are justified freely by His grace, through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ.

And therefore we always hold fast this foundation, ascribing all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, and acknowledging ourselves to be such as

we really are, without presuming to trust in anything in ourselves or in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him. This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing the conscience of fear, terror, and dread, without following the example of our first father, Adam, who, trembling, attempted to cover himself with fig leaves. And truly, if we should appear before God relying on ourselves or on any other creature, though ever so little, we should, alas! be consumed. And therefore everyone must pray with David: O Lord, enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

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

***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.

Administration 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.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with thee above;
Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That he may touch my eyes, and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within thy Word,
And in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

I Come By the Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to your Holy place, how can I enter in
When your presence bears no sin?
Through him who poured out his life for me, the atoning Lamb of God
Through him and his work alone, I boldly come.

*I come by the blood, I come by the cross
Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness
My every hope rests on what Christ has done, and I come by the blood*

You are the high and exalted King the One the angels fear
So far above me in every way Lord, how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear?
Through him who laid down his life for me and ascended to your side
Through him, through Jesus alone I boldly come. *Refrain (twice)*

***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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