

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

***Psalm 133**

Behold how very good it is,
A pleasant thing to see
When brothers join to live as one
In peace and unity

Yes, it is like the precious oil
Poured out upon the head
Which running down from Aaron's beard
Upon his garments spread

It is as though Mount Hermon's dew
On Zion's hills descends;
For there the LORD bestowed the gift
of life that never ends.

***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

Psalm 141:3-5

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;
keep watch over the door of my lips!
Do not let my heart incline to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with men who work iniquity,
and let me not eat of their delicacies!
Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness;
let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head;
let my head not refuse it.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Prone to Wander*)

O God, our Father,

Forgive us for our many sins. Like Eve, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We fall so often, and when we do, we run and hide in shame instead of running to you to confess our sin and find joy and forgiveness in the cross. You have given us your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting in our own strength more than in his power to save us completely. We live each day with hearts full of our own desires, minds full of our own agendas and plans for our own self-promotion. Forgive us, Lord.

Jesus, you are our strong salvation. Thank you for invading our world to rescue us from ourselves. We cannot fathom the humility, love, and commitment to your Father's glory, which led you to give up heaven for us. When the Holy Spirit took you into the desert to be tempted by Satan, you kept your eyes fixed firmly on your Father, your soul devoted to serving him in perfect obedience, and your mind saturated with Scripture. You gave up your own glory to be stripped, humiliated, and shattered in death, so that you could serve us and be our substitute. The joy of your life was fixed firmly upon the will of God, and now we find the joy of our lives to be your obedience for us and your death in our place. How can we ever thank you adequately?

Holy Spirit, fill us with everlasting wonder that the gospel is true. You kept your promise to send a Savior; help us to stop trying to rescue others and ourselves. When we are tempted to sin as Eve did, remind us of Christ, who kept all your laws for us, and fix our eyes on him. Whether we give in to temptation or resist, show us Christ, our only hope for the perfect obedience that we require to stand before you. Give us the kind of heart that serves you with peaceful abandon, unconcerned about our own welfare and reputation, submissive and quiet before you. Cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires, so that we will be satisfied in him for all eternity. In his name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.

*My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Scripture Reading

Galatians 6:1-10 (1)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap

corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Sermon

Practical Command #1: Restore One Another

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Sermon Outline

Proposition: To walk by the Spirit, according to the Apostle Paul's practical command, is to restore fallen Christian brothers and sisters with gentleness and prudence.

I. _____ to Restore according to Paul

II. _____ shall Restore according to Paul

III. _____ to Restore according to Paul

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe concerning Jesus' work of Reconciliation (Restoration)?

A. 8.5. The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.

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

***Arise, My Soul, Arise**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *Chorus*

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" *Chorus*

The Father hears him pray, his dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of his Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood, the Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God. *Chorus*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. *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.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace.
One in Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God!

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*

***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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