

# **Lord's Day Worship**

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. *(Repeat all)*

### **\*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**

### **John 13:34-35**

"...A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## **Prayer of Confession**

**(From *Streams of Mercy*)**

Heavenly Father,

As we consider the suffering of your Son in our place, we confess that we habitually look out for our own interests above those of others. Our homes and our churches are full of rivalry and conceit as we seek to advance ourselves and promote our own agendas. We do not submit our desires even to the desires of those whom we love most. We confess our relentless self-interest and pride, and we ask for your grace to change. Forgive us for desiring to rule others, for our daily failure to submit our lives to your will, and for failing to live with one another in an understanding way.

Lord Jesus, you were shattered so that we could be healed. Your life of selfless service to others, and your willing death in our place, give us all that we need to stand with confidence and joy before your Holy Father. Thank you for being our faithful substitute in life and in death, and for putting yourself in harm's way for our eternal joy and safety. Thank you for submitting to your Father's will, even though you would have preferred not to drink from the cup of his wrath in our place.

Holy Spirit, we cannot lead the lives of sacrificial service to others to which we are called unless you change our hard and self-centered hearts. We desperately need your truth to convict us, your love to make us grateful for all you have done, your courage to compel us to submit ourselves willingly to one another, and your power to help us love others in their need. Have mercy on us, for we are weak and fearful. Transform us into humble servants who joyfully lay down our lives for one another in the name of our great and mighty king. Amen.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **\* Speak O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

## **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

### ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

## **Children's Message**

## **Scripture Reading**

**Acts 4:32-37**

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup>Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup>sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

## **Sermon**

### **“The Early Church: Standing Strong Together”**

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## Sermon Outline

I. A Community of \_\_\_\_\_

II. A Community of \_\_\_\_\_

III. A Community of \_\_\_\_\_

### **\*Confession of Faith**

### **Westminster Confession of Faith**

*26.2 of the Communion of Saints*

Saints, by profession, are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

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

### **\*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love, and sing, and wonder; let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder; he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with his blood  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears, and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down,  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown!  
He, who washed us with his blood  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder: grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He, who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

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!"

## ***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.*

### **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*

## **We Will Feast In The House Of Zion**

*We will feast in the house of Zion;  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together;  
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;  
He is the LORD our God.  
We are not consumed, by the flood;  
Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Chorus*

In the dark of night, before the dawn;  
My soul, be not afraid!  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;  
You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave;  
Bind us together, bring shalom. *Chorus*

## **\*Benediction**

### **\* Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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