Lord's Day Worship Sunday, March 12th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

*Call to Worship

Exodus 34:6-8

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

*Psalm 100: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good; his mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*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

Matthew 4:18-19

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Prayer of Confession

(From The Valley of Vision)

O SAVIOUR OF SINNERS, Your name is excellent, your glory high, your compassions unfailing, your condescension wonderful, your mercy tender.

I bless you for the discoveries, invitations, promises of the gospel

for in them is pardon for rebels, liberty for captives, health for the sick, salvation for the lost.

I come to you in your beloved name of Jesus;

re-impress your image upon my soul;

Raise me above the smiles and frowns of the world,

regarding it as a light thing to be judged by men;

May your compliment be my only aim,

your Word my one rule.

Make me to abhor that which grieves your Holy Spirit,

to reject consolations of a worldly nature,

to shun a careless way of life,

to reprove evil,

to instruct with meekness those who oppose me,

to be gentle and patient towards all men,

to be not only one who profess but an example of the gospel, displaying in every relation, office, and condition

its excellency, loveliness and advantages.

How little have I illustrated my principles

and improved my privileges!

How rarely I served my generation!

How often have I injured and not recommended my Redeemer!

How few are those blessed through me!

In many things I have offended,

in all come short of your glory;

Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43:1-2

And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

*Oh For a Thousand Tongues

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

I felt my Lord's atoning blood close to my soul applied; Me, me he loved, the Son of God, for me, for me he died!

See all your sins on Jesus laid: the Lamb of God was slain, His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.

Harlots and publicans and thieves in holy triumph join! Saved is the sinner that believes from crimes as great as mine.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Acts 5:21b-32

^{21b} Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Sermon

Unexpected Turnouts (1)

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline		
I. Unexpected	about the Apostles	
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II. Unexpected	toward the Apostles	
III. Unexpected	from the Apostles	

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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

*He is Jesus

There's a treasure great in beauty far surpassing earth's great wealth; He is Jesus, Prince of Glory, source of all grace, peace, and health. There's a fountain ever flowing, satisfying all who drink; He is Jesus, spring of joy to all who hail him as their King.

There's a power, holy power breaking bonds of captive men; He is Jesus, mighty Jesus, holy warrior and sinner's friend. There's a Savior rich in mercy, quick to pardon all our sins; He is Jesus, great Redeemer, reconciling God and man. There's a glorious Lord returning and all will bow to him alone; He is Jesus, King of nations, reigning from his gracious throne. There is one to whom our praises will through every age ascend; He is Jesus, King forever, whose wondrous rule will never end.

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.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet; sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

To Christ, who won for sinners grace by bitter grief and anguish sore, Be praise from all the ransomed race forever and forevermore.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave, Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save. I'll sing thy power to save. Then in a nobler sweeter song, I'll sing thy power to save.

*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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