

**Lord's Day Worship**  
**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## ***Sing Praise to the Lord***

### **\*Call to Worship**

**1 John 4:7-8**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

### **\*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**

**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.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(From *The Valley of Vision*)**

O LOVER OF THE LOVELESS,  
It is your will that I should love you  
    with heart, soul, mind, strength,  
    and my neighbour as myself.  
But I am not sufficient for these things.  
There is by nature no pure love in my soul;  
Every affection in me is turned from you;  
I am bound, as slave to lust,

I cannot love you, until you set me free.  
By grace I am your freeman and would serve you,  
for I believe you are my God in Jesus,  
and that through him I am redeemed,  
and my sins are forgiven.  
With this freedom I would always obey you,  
but I cannot walk in liberty,  
any more than I could first attain it, of myself.  
May thy Spirit draw me nearer to you and your ways.  
You are the end of all means,  
for if they lead me not to you, I go away empty.  
Order all my ways by your holy Word  
and make your commandments the joy of my heart,  
that by them I may have happy communion with you.  
May I grow in your love and manifest it to others.  
Spirit of love, make me like the loving Jesus;  
give me his benevolent temper,  
his generous actions,  
that I may shine before men to your glory.  
Keep me meek, lowly, and always ready to give thee honour.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 14:18-19**

Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

### **\*We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures.  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
You, Lord, were at our side; all glory be yours!

We all do extol you, our leader triumphant,  
And pray that you still our defender will be.  
Let your congregation escape tribulation:  
Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Scripture Reading**

### **Psalm 133**

*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

<sup>2</sup> 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!

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

## **Sermon**

## **Good and Lovely Christianity** Rev. Seob Kim

### **Sermon Outline**

I. \_\_\_\_\_ Should God's People Recognize and Pursue Together?

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## **\*Confession of Faith**

## **Heidelberg Catechism**

*Q 55. Christians, what do we mean by “Communion of Saints.”*

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members

*(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord’s work during the singing of this 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.*

### **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

### **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

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