

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, July 9th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 119:113-120

I hate the double-minded,
but I love your law.
You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
Depart from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commandments of my God.
Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,
and let me not be put to shame in my hope!
Hold me up, that I may be safe
and have regard for your statutes continually!
You spurn all who go astray from your statutes,
for their cunning is in vain.
All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross,
therefore I love your testimonies.
My flesh trembles for fear of you,
and I am afraid of your judgments.

***Psalm 1190**

People of double mind I hate
Your law my love has stirred.
You are my shield and hiding place;
My hope is in Your word.

Let wicked ones depart from me;
Then God's commands I'll heed.
Keep me, according to Your word,
That I may live indeed.

Keep me from shame; fulfill my hope.
In safety hold me high
Then will Your statutes, constantly,
My thinking occupy.

Those straying from Your statutes' way-
All their deceit is vain.
These You reject and purge from earth;
Like dross they'll not remain.

So I Your testimonies love,
Yes, how I love Your law!
My flesh is trembling, fearing You;
Your judgments fill with awe.

***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 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Prayer of Confession

(from *The Valley of Vision*)

O God,
May your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you.
I have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for me.
I am full of infirmities, wants, sin;
 You are full of grace.

I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin;
All my powers of body and soul are defiled;
A fountain of pollution is deep within my nature.
There are chambers of foul images within my being;
I am utterly ashamed that I am what I am in myself;

I have no green shoot in me nor fruit, but thorns and thistles;
I am a fading leaf that the wind drives away;
I live bare and barren as a winter tree,
 Unprofitable, fit to be hewn down and burnt.

Lord, do you have mercy on me?
You have struck a heavy blow at my pride,
 At the false god of self,
 And I lie in pieces before you.

But you have given me another Master and Lord,
Your Son, Jesus,
And now my heart is turned towards holiness,
My life speeds as an arrow from a bow
Towards complete obedience to you.

Help me in all my doings to put down sin
And to humble pride.
Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life,
From everything that is natural to fallen man,
And let Christ's nature be seen in me day by day.
Grant me grace to bear your will
And delight to be
Not only chiseled, squared, or fashioned,
But separated from the old rock where I have been embedded so long,
And lifted from the quarry of the upper air,
Where I may be built in Christ forever.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

***Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:9-25

But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great.

¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰ But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." ²⁴ And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

Sermon

Are You Interested in the Gospel?

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

I. Simon Magus the _____ convert.

II. Simon Magus the _____ seeker.

III. Simon Magus the _____ sinner.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Q: Christians, what do we believe together in the visible church?

A: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

***I Know Whom I Have Believed**

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. *Refrain*

I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days, before his face I see. *Refrain*

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air. *Refrain*

Reception of New Members

Kyle & Hope Riley and Nick & Kendra Haushalter

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.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.
*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
Refrain

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!
Refrain

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--
For more than conqu'rors we are! *Refrain*

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

***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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