Lord's Day Worship Sunday, August 6th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

*Call to Worship

Acts 1:7-8

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

*Tell Me The Old, Old Story

Tell me the old, old story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. Tell me the story simply, As to a little child; For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled.

Tell me the story softly,
With earnest tones, and grave;
Remember! I'm the sinner,
Whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always,
If you would really be,
In any time of trouble
A comforter to me.

Tell me the same old story,
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story,
"Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

*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 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Prayer of Confession

(From Streams of Mercy)

God of our salvation,

What could we ever give to you in return for your greatest gift: your own dear Son? He is our peace and salvation, our Redeemer, our substitute. He stooped low to raise us up- was born like us that we might become like him. He united Deity and humanity, the Creator becoming created, so that one day we might shed our sinful flesh and be remade in his likeness. He worked out a perfect righteousness, which was given to us, so that we can draw near to you. When we cannot rise to him, he draws close and lifts us up to himself. He entered into holy war with Satan, defeating our enemy, winning our battle, and purchasing our eternal peace with you.

O God, these are tidings of great joy, and yet we often live without joy in our salvation. We find great joy in your good gifts without lifting our hearts to worship you, the giver of all good things. We prostitute our hearts daily; our attention and admiration are easily bought for a moment of pleasure and escape. We are relentless worshippers of ourselves- fearful of talking about you and appearing foolish, committed to our own agendas and brazenly unwilling to go wherever you would send us, captivated by our own little kingdoms instead of gratefully serving in yours. No wonder we are easily shaken when our eyes are always on ourselves and the fragile things in which we put our hope.

O God, have mercy on us. Though we desire to please you, we are weak and sinful, unable to stand in obedience unless you lift us up. Forgive us for the sin that remains in us. Though it frightens and troubles us, you have defeated it completely, giving us perfect peace in Christ. Thank you that we are forever united to him- his obedience is our very own, and your delight in him is always bathing us with your Fatherly pleasure.

Enlarge our hearts to celebrate this good news of great joy, for we are barely able to grasp the enormity of our salvation. Settle our hope and peace in the love of Christ, and make his throne the pleasure ground of our souls. Help us to love those around us, drawing them into your family by caring and speaking of your greatness in wise and loving ways, always ready to share the great news and eager to explain the hope that is in us. Help us to sing of your goodness, loudly in our souls and

joyfully when we are together, with hearts that are undone by your love and kindness to us. In Christ's great name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:13-18

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

*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 9:10-19

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

Sermon

Why Should I Share the Gospel with Him/Her?

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Sermon Outline	
I. Ananias and His	from the Lord

II. Ananias and His	to the Lord
III. Ananias and His	before the Lord

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Q: Christians, what do you believe and witness in your life?

A. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.)

*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.

Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

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 Redeemer

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one. Thank you oh my Father, for giving us your Son, And leaving your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain. *Chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face, And there I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *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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