

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, January 7th, 2024

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:1-9

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

***Psalm 34:1-9**

God will I bless all times; his praise
my mouth shall still express.
My soul shall boast in God: the meek
shall hear with joyfulness.

Extol the Lord with me, let us
exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, he heard, and did
me from all fears deliver.

They looked to him, and lightened were:
not shamed were their faces.
This poor man cried, God heard, and saved
him from all his distresses.

The angel of the Lord encamps,
and round encompasseth
All those about that do him fear,
and them delivereth.

O taste and see that God is good:
who trusts in him is blessed.
Fear God his saints: none that him fear
shall be with want oppressed.

***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

Romans 14:13

Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Streams of Mercy*)

Almighty God,

We come before you today to proclaim that you are excellent and that your glory is evident in all of creation. You are holy and perfect in all your ways, yet you stoop to love us, fallen and sinful rebels that we are. We do not deserve your kindness and care, yet you have set your love upon us. You pursue us with your everlasting promise to work all things for our good and your own glory. Father, melt our hearts with wonder, love, and praise to you.

We admit before you that we often find it difficult to live in community with one another, as you call us to. We are judgmental toward others, particularly when you have given us strength in an area where they are weak. We frequently struggle with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. Though at times we may control our tongues, in our minds we rehearse endlessly the sins and weaknesses of others, as we try to justify ourselves and feel superior. At times we cause others to stumble into sin, and so do damage to their hearts and souls. Father, forgive us for the many sins that we commit each and every day. We cast ourselves on your mercy and thank you for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin, and for the obedience of Christ, which replaces our record of rebellion with the glory of his perfect holiness.

Holy Spirit of the living God, help us, we pray. Cause us to hunger for your Word and to grow in obedience to you. Help us to be faithful sojourners and joyful recipients of your grace. Make Christ appear excellent to us and beautiful in our eyes as we worship, as we work, as we live together, and even when we sin against one another. Help us to recognize our sin and to repent quickly, asking forgiveness of one another and helping one another to find peace and joy in the goodness of your Son instead of in our own obedience. May your great and mighty power,

which raised Christ from the dead, be strongly at work in each of us, helping us to love one another with powerful gratitude and to live lives of increasing holiness, purity, and love for you and for one another. In the excellent name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Thessalonian 5:9-11

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

***Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Comfort, Comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

***Scripture Reading**

Galatians 6:1-10 (2-5)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Sermon

Practical Command #2: Bear One Another

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Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Galatians 6:2-5, the Apostle Paul reveals to the Galatians that to walk by the Spirit in our lives as Christians is to bear burdens of our Christian brothers and sisters around us.

I. The _____ to Bear One Another's Burden

II. The _____ to Bear One Another's Burden

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

Q 55. Dear Christians, what do you understand by “the 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 the next song.)

***Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
While each in expectations lives and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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.

The Servant King

From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served, but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear,
His heart with sorrow was torn, “yet not my will but yours,” he said. *Refrain*

Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice.
Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain*

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him,
Each other’s needs to prefer, for it is Christ we’re serving. *Refrain*

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Come weary saints, though tired and weak, hide away in the love of Jesus;
Your strength will return by his quiet streams, hide away in the love of Jesus.
*Hear him calling your name see the depths of his love
In the wounds of his grace, hide away, hide away.*

Come wand’ring souls, and find your home, hide away in the love of Jesus;
He offers the rest that you yearn to know, hide away in the love of Jesus.
Refrain

Come guilty ones, weighed down with sin, hide away in the love of Jesus;
The freedom you long for is found in him, hide away in the love of Jesus.
Refrain

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair, hide away in the love of Jesus;
For ten thousand joys await you there, hide away in the love of Jesus. *Refrain*

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heav’nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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