



Liturgy for Sunday, July 5, 2020

Welcome (Bart Box)

Building Notes:

- Face Coverings: At this time, in accordance with the recommendation of local health officials, we are requiring all adults in attendance to wear a face covering during entrance and exit from the building and during times of congregational singing. You are welcome to keep your mask on beyond those times if you prefer, but we are asking all to wear one during these three significant moments on Sunday mornings.
- Nursing Mothers: There is space for 2 nursing mothers in the cry room, and additional space in the Nursery room on the Kids Hallway.
- Diaper changing tables are located in the Red 1 Classroom on the Kids Hallway. The family restrooms are closed today.
- We have designated some "Wiggle Rooms" in the Kids Hallway for parents of younger kids who need a minute to calm down. Those are in the Kids Hallway.

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30 – [28] *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Leader: "The Lord be with you!"

All: "And also with you!"

Leader: "Lift up your hearts."

All: "We lift them to the Lord."



Leader: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

All: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Songs

1) "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God, the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling wind, nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His presence rest

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*



2) "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (Ryan Adams)

Jeremiah 6:16 – [16] *Thus says the LORD:*

*"Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.
But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'*

For our obsession with productivity that leads us to overwork and burnout,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For our vain rising up early and going late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For our breathless striving after the wind,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.



For being perpetually unsatisfied with what we have,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For regularly overfilling our days and bringing upon ourselves unnecessary stress,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For our fear of missing out on something happening without us,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For filling even our quieter moments with insatiable media consumption,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For choosing to be entertained over entering real restorative rest in your presence,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

For failing to slow down and recall your persistent provision in our lives,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

And for our unwillingness to set aside meaningful time in our daily or weekly schedules
to simply sit at your feet in worship,
we come to repent, Lord Christ.

Forgive us. Heal us. Change us. We ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Hebrews 4:14-16 – [14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Songs

3) "Not In Me"

No list of sins I have not done,
No list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like
Can earn myself a place with You.
O God! Be merciful to me;
I am a sinner through and through.
My only hope of righteousness
Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,
No lifted hands, no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth,
Can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life;



My debt was paid by Jesus' death.
My weary load was borne by Him
And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,
No work I do, no gift I give
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;
I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again;
The pow'r of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me
And merciful in Christ alone!

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



The 10 Commandments: A Sabbath for the People of God Exodus 20:8-11

Sabbath Then...

- Israel was commanded to cease their labors on the last day of the week.

In our society, leisure is a monopoly of the rich, while the poor have to work multiple jobs to eke out a subsistence living. Sabbath redistributes and equalizes rest period it treats slaves as persons, not machines. It guards Israel from organizing its time for 24/7 productivity and so defies the reign of Mammon. (Peter Leithart)

- Physical rest and renewal were not the only or main points of the Sabbath legislation.
 - The Sabbath was a Sabbath “to the LORD.” (v. 10)
 - The Sabbath was a memorial (“remember”), connecting it with God’s work and worship.

You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you.’ (Exodus 31:13)

It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. (Leviticus 16:31)

Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. (Leviticus 23:3)

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God... ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. (Deuteronomy 5:12-13, 15)

- The Sabbath was established in the context of God’s redemption and provision.

On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, ²³ he said to them, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.’” (Exodus 16:22-23)

Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.” (Exodus 16:25)

- The Sabbath reminded Israel that they were receivers, not just providers.

The rest of the Old Testament helps us see how the 4th commandment took shape in ancient Israel. In Exodus 31 we see that the Sabbath became a sign of the Mosaic covenant. Just as a rainbow in the sky spoke of God’s promise to Noah, so the Sabbath was the sign that God would take care of his people if they learned to trust him. Trusting the Lord meant resting from business as usual on the Sabbath (Isaiah 58; Amos 8) and gathering for a sacred assembly (Leviticus 23:3). These were the twin engines of the



Sabbath: worship and rest. The two were inextricably linked in the Old Testament. We rest so that we might be free to worship God; and we give God worship, in part, by trusting him enough to rest. (Kevin DeYoung)

Sabbath Now?

- We need to avoid judgmental attitudes regarding Sabbath observance since Christ has fulfilled the Law.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. (Rom. 14:5-6)

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. (Colossians 2:16-17)

- We need to give ourselves to weekly rest and renewal in worship.
 - The point of the Sabbath was not (only) a day *from* work but a day *for* worship.
 - There is good evidence that in the New Testament the Sabbath idea of worship is translated to Sunday, the day of the resurrection, the Lord's Day.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet (Revelation 1:10)

Christians no longer observe the Sabbath, but direct their lives toward the Lord's Day, on which our life is refreshed by him and by his death. (Ignatius of Antioch)

Christ took the Sabbath into the grave with him and brought the Lord's Day out of the grave with him on the resurrection morn. (B.B. Warfield)

- The ceasing of work is meant to clear the way for unhindered worship.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Sabbath pauses life's noise. It's the silence that tunes our ears to Yahweh's word. (Leithart)

Q. What does God require in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the ministry of the gospel and education be maintained and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the church of God to hear God's Word, to use the sacraments, to call publicly upon the Lords, and to give Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that all the days of my life I rest from my evil works, let the Lord work in me through his Holy Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath. (Heidelberg Catechism)



- We need to find in Christ rest from all our labors.

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:9-10)

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)



Communion

Matthew 26:26-29 – [26] Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." [27] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, [28] for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. [29] I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Song

4) "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Offering



2 Corinthians 8:9 – [9] *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 – [7] *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

Prayer of Intercession (Nick Murray)

For Our Church – For the members of our church who are still unable to attend worship in-person during these days, that they might be encouraged by participating online, that God would supernaturally knit all of our hearts together despite our inability to all be together, that they might have frequent meaningful interactions with their Growth Groups and other relationships in the church, and that God would allow us all to meet together again soon.

For Our City – For Philadelphia Baptist Church, pastor Cory Varden, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation – For a national recovery of the belief that all peoples, even those whom we disagree with, are created in the image of God; that we might conform our treatment of others to the belief that all people are created equal and given great dignity by God himself; and that our elected officials, appointed officials, and all levels of law enforcement would strive to fairly give all of our citizens the liberties that our nation promises.

For Our World – For the nation of China, that God would move in power among the governing authorities of the country, that he would convert leaders at all levels from enemies of God into disciples of Jesus, and that national revival would sweep across the nation that would reverberate throughout the world.

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,



forever and ever. Amen.”

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 – [24] *The LORD bless you and keep you;*
[25] *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*
[26] *the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

