

Call to Worship: Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Singing: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

1. How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

Prayer: Pray for God's presence and glory in our worship.

Scripture Reading: Our Call to Work Col. 3:23-24; 1 Thess. 4:10-12; 2 Thess. 3:7-12

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

But we urge you, brothers ... to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it,

but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Prayer Regarding Our Work

Prayers of Petition:

- Praise God for allowing us to come together for corporate worship.
- Pray for our leaders in local, regional and national Government. That they would be led by the Holy Spirit in forming their decisions concerning racial reconciliation, how to deal with the COVID-19 situation, and governing well and in obedience to God and not to a political party or ideal.
- Pray for those who may be suffering financially and physically because of the pandemic and shutdowns.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guard our hearts and minds from the evil one who would tempt us to doubt that God is in control during what seems such a chaotic time in the world.

- Pray for God's favor for the Funks as they continue in their search for housing so they can be closer to Christ Church and be able to work in its current and future ministries more effectively.
- Pray that the preparation of the new building continues to make progress and praise that God has moved people who have given of their time and talents with the cleaning, painting and purchasing of needed items, prayers and financial contributions.
- Pray for Jonathan and Josie Walling who are going back to the U.S., Kirstin Culhane who is moving Saturday to Freiburg, the Carlson's and Simpson's moving to Texas and others preparing to move.
- Pray for those who are seeking employment and that God will provide for their needs during this time.
- Pray that God will send the Holy Spirit to bring people to our new church location and work in the community to our doors even as we reach out to them in the call to come and worship the risen Christ.
- Pray that we continue to read God's Word and be obedient to Jesus's calling to spread the Gospel everywhere.
- Pray that our worship will honor God and glorify him.
- Pray for our hearts as we hear God's word preached.

Sermon: No Longer Stealing, Rather Working Hard & Sharing

Ephesians 4:28

I. Let the Thief No Longer Steal

II. Rather Let Him Work Hard

III. And Share With Those in Need

Singing: *How Great Thou Art*, Trinity Hymnal #44

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur, And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Close by praying for God's guidance for this day and for the week.