
preparing our hearts

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

– Matthew 11:28-30_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

– Psalm 92:1-4_{ESV}

HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you. We turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you. We long for you. *

** Chorus:*

When we see you, we find strength to face the day
In your presence all our fears, are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna, you are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have your way among us
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you. We turn to you.
In your kingdom broken lives are made new. You make all things new. *

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: O loving God, we praise you for all your splendor and majesty. Your marvelous works are too many to number. You created the world, and you continue to sustain it with your caring hand. Nothing can disrupt your plan, for you are always at work to make all things new. On this holy day, we marvel at your grace and mercy on our lives. You raised your Son, Jesus Christ, to life and poured out your Spirit on the church. Give us eyes to see your kingdom, ears to hear your voice, hearts to love as you have loved us, and hands to work out your redemption. In one voice we devote ourselves to you, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. *

* *Chorus:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

– Acts 3:19-20^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: O merciful Lord,
In your loving care for us, you have given us this holy day
To rest from our work
And to remember your works in the world and in our lives.
Yet we confess that we have often distorted this day to fit our purposes.
We have failed to lay down our work and to seek your mighty presence.
Even when we come to worship, our hearts are often far from you.
We miss the opportunity to sit at your feet –
To learn, listen, and grow in our faith.
Forgive us, Father, and slow us down to see your many wonders.
Give us your Spirit to live in joyful obedience
And worship of your great name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

– Isaiah 58:11^{ESV}

All: Thanks be to God.

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus (2x):

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

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Leader: Mark 2:23-3:6
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is 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,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace.

If you are joining us from your home, unmute yourself so that you can greet one another.

If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.

Series | “The Ten Commandments – Living in Freedom”

Sermon | “The Fourth Commandment: The Blessing of the Sabbath”

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Exodus 20:1-17 ESV | 1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. What is forbidden
2. What the Sabbath is for
3. What our Sabbath may look like

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

– Hebrews 10:23-24_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.

Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{ESV}

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. And as this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in this world, bringing all glory and honor to your great Name.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the elements are distributed, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.

Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? *

** Chorus:*

Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *

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**** benediction**

****doxology**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**