
 preparing our hearts

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

– 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV

 ** call to worship

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All: **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

All: **Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

– Psalm 86:8-12 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: God of light and truth, you are beyond our conception or grasp. With reverence and love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise. For you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. By the power of your Spirit, move us from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all people: Jesus Christ. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What is the duty that God requires of man?

All: The duty God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Leader: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

All: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

Leader: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

All: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

Leader: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

All: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q&A 39-42

HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide. *

** Chorus:*

His love can never fail, his love can never fail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. *

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; he who does these things shall never be moved.

—Adapted from Psalm 15:1-5^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in Heaven, forgive my sins.**
Forgive the sins that I remember and the sins I have forgotten.
Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation
And those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.
Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements
And those when I have failed to boast in your works.
Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others
And the leniency I have shown myself.
Forgive the lies I have told to others
And the truths I have avoided.
Forgive the pain I have caused others
And the indulgence I have shown myself.
In Jesus' Name, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

— 1 Timothy 1:15^{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God.**

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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Leader: James 3:1-13
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 Ninth Commandment: Tell the Truth”

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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. Stop Telling Lies
2. Start Telling the Truth
3. The Truth We Tell

**** gospel charge**

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

All: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

– Adapted from Colossians 3:12-14_{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: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto 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.

**** offering & song of thanksgiving**

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.

‘TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus says the Lord.” *

** Chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
And in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood. *

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *

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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.**