
preparing our hearts

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

– Psalm 73:25-26 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: ...I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

All: **My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,**

– Psalm 63:2-5 ESV

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

* *Chorus:*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *

And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forever more. *

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O gracious God, let your love draw us nearer to you. Let your beauty wean us from sin and weaken our attachment to this world. Let your mercy strengthen us and give us courage to count all things loss for the sake of knowing you and being found in your Son. By the light of your Spirit, train our eyes on Jesus, our anchor and our hope, and visit us today with grace that pulls us ever forward toward our heavenly prize. We pray this in Jesus' Name. 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

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure; come disaster, scorn and pain.
In thy service pain is pleasure; with thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba Father; I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation. Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

– Luke 12:15 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Lord of all comfort and rest,
We confess that we are restless because we fail to rest in you.
We are weary because we are not content.
We complain about what we do not have.
Whatever we have, we do not have enough of it.
We sin against you and others because we desire what is not ours.
But you, O Lord, have given us yourself.
That is all we need. That is all we could ever want.
Forgive the faithlessness in our appetites
And the unbelief in our discontent.
Grant that we might drink of your living water and never thirst again.
All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

– Psalm 103:8-9 ESV

All: Thanks be to God.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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Leader: Luke 12:13-21; Philippians 4:10-13
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 Tenth Commandment: Coveting & True Contentment” September 6, 2020

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. The Problem with Coveting
2. The Power of Contentment

**** 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. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

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, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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**** 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.

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.

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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.**