

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 14, 2023

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 111:1-4; 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Hymn*

Hymn 35

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat, in depths of burning light!

Wondrous are thine eternal years, O everlasting Lord,
By holy angels day and night unceasingly adored!

O how I fear thee, living God, with deepest, tend'rest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope, and penitential tears.

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art;
For thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee, no mother half so mild
Bears and forbears, as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.

How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee will be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity! Amen.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are ashamed and sorry for how we have displeased you. Forgive us and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ. Hear our prayer and grant us our request, for we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

Hymn 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord. Amen.

Scripture Reading*

Exodus 40

Hymn

Hymn 427

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,
When at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace,
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint your glory see! Amen.

Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

Listen to Jesus!

Luke 9:28-36

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn*

Hymn 468

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place,
From guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him,
He'll never cast me out.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God:
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation thro' his blood.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood he shed,
For me his life he gave.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. Amen.*

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.