

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalm 33:20-22

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 16 (p. 788)

Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn 115

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

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Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God and Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty and confess that we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

All: Though you have blessed us with eternal riches in Christ, we have grieved you with our wicked thoughts, our sinful actions, and our careless words. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from all our sins.

Leader: Grant us faith to believe and not doubt that in Christ we have full salvation and eternal life. Give us prayerful hearts and willing minds that seek to do what is pleasing in your sight.

All: We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 90

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 103

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Lo! the apostolic train
Join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we sing this mystery. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology*

Hymn 731

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.

Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Revelation 21:1-8

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [based on Psalm 136])

Hymn 3

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 built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with pow'r 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 heav'nly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (based on John 17:9)

Sermon

“Our All-Knowing and Ever-Loving God”
John 4:15-19

Pastor Ben Muresan

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn 423

According to Thy Gracious Word

According to thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heav'n shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember thee.

Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember thee?

When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice,
I must remember thee.

Remember thee, and all thy pains,
And all thy love to me:
When thou shalt in thy Kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me. Amen.

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—

My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
 "Even so"—it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
 And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
 And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
 Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
 From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
 We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
 Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
 And this grace which makes us what we are,
 And this fellowship of his communion,
 Make us one in spirit and in heart.

Hymn 691

SERMON NOTES

"Our All-Knowing and Ever-Loving God"
 John 4:15-19

1. The Lord Knows Our Sin
2. He Confronts Us About It
3. He Removes Its Shame, Penalty, and Power from Us

"May the Peace of God"

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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*

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” Hymn 35

Congregational Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow, for a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Restore us to fellowship with you, that we may walk in the full assurance of your promises, and in the freedom of knowing that you care for us and have brought us to yourself by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose strong Name we pray. 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

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” Hymn 468

Scripture Reading*

Psalm 48

Hymn

“To You, O Lord, I Fly” Hymn 692

Prayer

Sermon

“The Church Amazed, Encouraged, and Built Up” Pastor Peter Moelker
Acts 9:19b-31

Hymn*

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Hymn 521

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

“Abide with Me” Hymn 402

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