

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 6, 2019

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

2 Corinthians 6:16

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 95 (p. 819)

Hymn of Preparation*

"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" Hymn 122

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our strong and faithful God, we come before you acknowledging that you are light and that in you there is no darkness at all.

All: 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 not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of our sins but also the assurance of forgiveness that comes by faith in the Lord Jesus. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon Christ.

All: All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month) "I Am Not Skilled to Understand" Hymn 459

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 42-43

Q. 110. *What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?*

A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, which governing authorities punish, but in God's sight theft also includes all evil tricks and schemes designed to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God.

Q. 111. *What does God require of you in this commandment?*

A. That I do whatever I can and may for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may help the needy in their hardship.

Q. 112. *What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?*

A. That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing. Rather, I should avoid, under penalty of God's wrath, every kind of lying and deceit as the very works of the devil; and, in court and everywhere else, I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to defend and advance my neighbor's honor and reputation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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*

Acts 16

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Ps. 95]) “Come, Sound His Praise” Hymn 118

Pastoral Prayer (based on Jeremiah 10)

Sermon

“Working Together for the Gospel”
Philippians 2:19-30

Pastor Ben Muresan

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 55

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

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.

LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

God has blessed his Church with innumerable examples of godly men and women over the centuries. We have exemplars of faithful people throughout Scripture, throughout church history, and among our friends and family. We admire their devotion to Christ and their service to his Church. In Philippians 2:19-30, the Apostle Paul describes Timothy and Epaphroditus, who each had a manner of life that was worthy of the gospel of Christ and who worked side by side for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27). After you work through these questions, take a few moments to pray and thank the Lord for the godly people that he has surrounded you with and for the many examples of faithfulness we have in church history.

1. For review, read Philippians 2:14-18. Why is grumbling and disputing a sin? Why did Israel grumble against the Lord during their wilderness wandering? How can we strive against this attitude?
2. Read Philippians 2:19-30. What are some of the reasons the Apostle Paul singles out Timothy and Epaphroditus as examples of godliness? What does Paul admire about each of them?
3. What do we learn about Timothy in Acts 16:1-5; 1 Timothy 4:11; and 2 Timothy 1:1-7?
4. Why do you think Paul mentions Epaphroditus’ illness in Philippians 2:27?
5. Who are some Christians that you admire, who have influenced your faith? Why do you admire them?
6. In preparation for next week, read Philippians 3:1-11. What did Paul consider “gain” before he knew Christ (v. 7)? What did he consider “gain” after Christ made himself known to him (vv. 9-11)?

