

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 29, 2019

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 11 (p. 787)

Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and publicly confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the sinful intentions and desires of our own hearts.

All: We have not obeyed your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Leader: We approach your throne of grace, O Lord, and we pray that you would forgive our many sins and transgressions. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant us the daily increase of your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives.

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

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:17-20

And Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Congregational Response

Hymn 181

We Come, O Christ, to You

We come, O Christ, to you,
true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist,
in whom all life began:
in you alone we live and move,
and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God,
your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge
and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth!
All wisdom dwells in you,
the Source of every skill,
the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest,
sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life,
to know you is to live
the more abundant life
that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you:
in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,
our Savior and our King,
to you our youth and strength
adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view
your life in us, and turn to you. 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*

Philippians 2:1-11

Congregational Response

Hymn 456

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No; then this word must true remain:
By grace you too shall heav'n obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in his love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace! O mark this word of promise
When you are by your sins oppressed,
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
And when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you will send.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in his Word our God commands,
What our whole faith must rest upon,
Is grace alone, grace in his Son. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (based on Isaiah 40:28-31)

Sermon

“God Sent His Son Into the World”
John 3:16-21

Pastor Ben Muresan

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 66:1-7

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”

All: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Hymn*

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Hymn 164

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our Father, we acknowledge and believe that you are holy, holy, holy and that the whole earth is full of your glory. As we examine ourselves in the light of your law, we are reminded of how we fall short of your glory. We have offended you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. Rather than seeking to conform ourselves to your law, we have all too eagerly conformed to the pattern of this passing evil age. Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ there is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, yet in him we have forgiveness. Help us to rejoice in your assurance of pardon and to live godly, righteous, and devout lives as we await our Savior’s return, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Hymn

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” Hymn 455

Scripture Reading*

Mark 4:1-20

Hymn

“God, in the Gospel of His Son” Hymn 141

Prayer

Sermon

“A Great Love for Christ”
Luke 7:36-50

Pastor Trey Jasso

Hymn*

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” Hymn 648

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

“All Praise to Thee” Hymn 401

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