

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 27, 2018

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 77 (p. 812)

Hymn of Preparation*

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn 170

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Merciful God and Heavenly Father, we approach your throne of grace seeking forgiveness for our many sins. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

All: You alone are holy and righteous, and in your presence no one can stand. If you were to count our sins against us, we would perish. Your gracious mercy is our only hope.

Leader: Grant us strength in our inner being through your Holy Spirit, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Give us the ability to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we might always love Christ more than our sin.

All: We entrust ourselves to you who are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to you be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

** Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 139

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”

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*

2 Peter 3

Congregational Response (Psalm 50:1-6)

“The Mighty God, the Lord” Hymn 316

Pastoral Prayer (based on Matthew 7:15-20)

Sermon

“Faith Sets Our Sights on the New Creation”

Pastor Ben Muresan

Hebrews 11:13-16

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn 252

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn 115

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Hymn*

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

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

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hymn

“O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord” Hymn 174

Scripture Reading*

John 3

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance” Hymn 693

Prayer and Sermon

“Competing Glories”

Pastor Chad Brewer

Acts 8:9-24

Hymn*

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Hymn 76

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response* “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” Hymn 401

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