

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 26, 2018

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.

Colossians 1:19-20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 93 (p. 818)

Hymn of Preparation*

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 55

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by doing what is evil in your sight. Your Word clearly reveals what you command, yet we have disobeyed.

All: Our hearts ache as we consider how this past week we spoke carelessly and allowed our minds to dwell on sinful desires. We humble ourselves before you and acknowledge our desperate need of you.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who died to free us from the penalty and power of sin. By his wounds we have been healed.

All: Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Matthew 1:20-21

But as Joseph considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

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

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Ezekiel 34

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“O God beyond All Praising” Hymn 660

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* John 10:1-18

Congregational Response (Psalm 103:13-18) “The Tender Love a Father Has” Hymn 93

Pastoral Prayer (based on Philippians 4:6)

Sermon Pastor Ben Muresan
“Benediction”
Hebrews 13:20-25

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” Hymn 254

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving* “Now May He Who from the Dead” Hymn 387

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 89:1-5

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

All: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Hymn* “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” Hymn 650

Congregational Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have failed in our obedience to you by breaking your holy commandments. Our sins and failures weigh heavily on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered. Forgive us and restore us, we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Hymn “Mighty God, While Angels Bless You” Hymn 8

Scripture Reading* Philemon

Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” Hymn 111

Prayer

Sermon “Charge It to My Account” Pastor Ben Muresan
Philemon

Hymn* “I Belong to Jesus” Hymn 129

Benediction*

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

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