Order of Worship - Week of November 10th, 2019

Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor Phil will lead congregation in a call to worship from Psalm 103 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

All: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Songs of response:

- 1. How Great Thou Art
- 2. From the Rising of the Sun (Psalm 113)

Confession of Sin

All confess their sin using Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

Assurance of Pardon

Lucas reads from Romans 8:31-34 to assure forgiveness of sins:

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 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? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 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.

Songs of response:

- 1. Faithful to Forgive
- 2. Before the Throne of God Above

Confession of Faith - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q88, 98-99
All confess their faith using the Shorter Catechism. Pastor Phil asks the question, all respond in bold

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption?

The outward and ordinary means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, and all these are made effective in the salvation of the elect.

Q. 98. What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies

Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Phil preaches from Mark 5:21-43