

Sunday, January 17, 2010  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

**Announcements and \*Welcome!**

- We welcome you to our service today! It is a blessing when God's people gather to worship Him in spirit and truth! We trust that those visiting for the first time will sense our desire to follow a pattern of worship derived from God's word; the priorities of which are outlined in the major headings in this order of worship. We invite visitors to sign our Guest Book and to acquire resources regarding our church and mission.
- Each Sunday we participate in a sacrament instituted by Christ to express our communion with him and to remember Gospel truths. When coming to the Lord's Table, participants are stating that they are baptized believers and active members, in 'good standing,' with a Bible teaching church. We must also come with repentant hearts and a faith in Christ alone as savior of our souls and his church. The sacraments of the church teach us to "see and sense" the true foundation for fellowship with God and each other.
- We encourage "family worship" here (as well as at home)! Families attempting to do such, should access our "family seating area." However, this time is set apart to focus attention upon God's attributes and actions! Please be sensitive to "distractions" by utilizing our childcare room which is equipped with TV monitoring of the service.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

**Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent**

**\*Hymn – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord # 353**

I love Thy Kingdom, Lord; the house of Thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

*I love Thy church, O God: Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on thy hand.*

For Her my tears shall fall, for Her my prayers ascend;  
To Her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

*Beyond my highest joy, I prize Her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows; Her hymns of love and praise.*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 103:1-5; 8-13*

**Elder** – 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,  
Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your  
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**\*Confession and Cleansing**

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon**

*"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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him."*

**Song – Mighty to Save**

Everyone needs compassion; love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.  
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Everyone needs forgiveness; the kindness of a Saviour; the Hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is Mighty to save, He is Mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose & conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!*

So take me as You find me; all my fears and failures; fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender. *[Refrain]*

**Consecration by the Word**

**Old Testament Law – Leviticus 6:1-7**

*(The sacrifice and restitution to render for those who knew their guilt and sought forgiveness.)*

**Old Testament Prophet – Micah 7:18-20**

*("Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity...?")*

**Reader** – The words of the Lord. **Congregation** – Thanks be to God.

**Psalm – 51:1-8**

*(Toplady)*

God be merciful to me; on Your love I rest my plea.  
By Your vast abounding grace, my transgressions all erase.  
From the stain of every sin, wash and make me clean within.

*For my sins before You rise, always present to my eyes.  
I have sinned 'gainst You alone, in Your sight I've evil done;  
So Your words are proven true, righteous are Your judgments too.*

Truly I was born in sin, sinful when conceived within.  
Surely You desire to find faithfulness in heart and mind.  
You will, deep within my heart, wisdom unto me impart.

*O with hyssop, sprinkle me, and from sin I will be clean.  
Wash me from its stain and so, I'll be whiter than the snow.  
Make me hear joy's cheering voice, let the bones You crushed, rejoice.*

**New Testament Gospel – Luke 7:36-50**

*(A woman seeking to honor Jesus becomes the occasion for Jesus to teach and grant forgiveness.)*

**New Testament Epistle – Colossians 3:1-14**

*("...forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.")*

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**\*Song – Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**

*(Detroit)*

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,  
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,  
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.*

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**Sermon:** "The Wonder Of... Forgiveness"  
*(Message by: Christopher Neiswonger; Text: Matthew 6:14-15)*

**Coming Together as the Church**

**Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried (he descended into hell). The third day  
He arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the  
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offertory –**

*[Please pass the offering baskets through your section toward the back. If you have a special prayer  
request, please fill out a prayer card (available at the entry table) and place it in the offering basket.  
Thank you.]*

**Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Through the Sacraments**

**\*Hymn of Preparation – For What You Have Done**

*(Lyons)*

For what you have done, his blood must atone:  
The Father has deigned for you His dear Son.  
The Lord, on that day of His anger did lay,  
Your sins on the Lamb, and He bore them away.

*He died to atone for sins not his own;  
Your debt he has paid, your work He has done.  
Yet all may receive of the peace he did leave,  
Who made intercession, "My Father, forgive!"*

His death is my plea; my Advocate see,  
And his is the blood that has answered for me.  
My ransom and cost has been paid on the cross;  
And yielding his life he has carried my cause.

**Sacrament of The Lord's Table**

*The presiding minister will give direction for participation in this meal.  
{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}*

**Commissioning of the Church**

**\*Closing Prayer, Doxology, Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

**\*Those who are able, please stand.** –CCLI #2831635  
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