

Sunday, February 7, 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 – Stand Up and Bless the Lord** (St. Thomas Williams)

Stand up and bless the Lord ye people of His choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice!

Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy Name, and laud and magnify?

God is our Strength and Song, and His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious Name; Henceforth forevermore!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 112:1-2

Elder – Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!

All – His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

"You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield." – Psalm 115:11

Song – Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow—Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness – Blessed Be Your name!

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say...

Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name...

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Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's, "All as it should be." – Blessed be Your name!

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering – Blessed be Your name!

(Pre Chorus & Chorus)

You give and take away! You give and take away!

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name!"

(Chorus)

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Deuteronomy 28:1 – 13

(The blessings promised to God's covenant people when they obey His commands.)

Old Testament Prophet – Joel 2:12 – 29

(The prophet urges repentance in order to inherit the blessings of God, especially His spirit.)

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

Psalm – 137:1 – 4

(Old Rugged Cross)

Beside Babylon's streams, we sat down weeping,
Whenever we Zion recalled.

On the willows we hung, our harps in the trees,
While our captors demanded a song.

With their torments they jeered, "Sing a song;
Sing of home that you miss – and be glad!"
But how can the Lord's songs be sung,
As an exile in a strange land?

New Testament Gospel – Matthew 7:7 – 11

(Ask, Seek, Knock!)

New Testament Epistle – 1 Peter 3:8 – 9

(Blessings come to those who bless others.)

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***Song – Once It Was The Blessing**

Once it was the blessing, now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling, now it is His Word;
Once His gift I wanted, now, the Giver owns;
Once I sought for healing, now Himself alone.

All in all forever, only Christ I'll sing;
Everything is in Christ – and Christ is everything!

Once it was my working, His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him, now He uses me;
Once the pow'r I wanted, now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored, now for Him alone. [Refrain]

Once I hoped in Jesus, now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying, now they brightly shine;
Once for death I waited, now His coming, Hail!
And my hopes are anchored safe within the veil. [Refrain]

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Sermon: "The Sons (of the 2nd Wave)"
(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Ezra 8)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Westminster Larger Catechism: Q & A. # 7

Elder – What is God?

All – God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

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

***Sanctus – Holy Is The Lord**

Holy, holy, holy – Holy is the Lord! Holy, holy, holy – Holy is the Lord!
Heav'n and earth are filled with, filled with Your glory, Lord!
Holy, holy, holy – Holy is the Lord!

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.}

***Humensantes – Psalm 113: 1 – 3** (Darwall's 148th)

O praise the Lord, sing praise; all servants of the Lord.
Come praise the Lord's great name, bless Him forevermore!
From dawn to dusk, from east to west,
O let the Lord's name there be blessed.

Commissioning of the Church

***Closing Prayer & Song of Simeon**

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.
This is the savior of the world, the nations' promised light.
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel!

***Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

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