

Sunday, February 21, 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 45:15-16

Elder – With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

All – In place of your fathers shall be your sons; You will make them princes in all the earth.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Public Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we, our obsession for a life of selfish pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our ways so that we may desire what is good, love what is true, and do all that You command – through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

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Song – Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees,
O Spirit come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things,
O Lord we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts,
Let us not lift our souls to another. (repeat)

O God let us be a generation that seeks,
Who seeks Your face O God of Jacob. (repeat)

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Deuteronomy 21:10 – 14

(A provision in the law of Moses for marrying outside of the tribes of Israel.)

Old Testament Prophet – Malachi 2:10 – 16

(A rebuke from the prophet regarding the marriages to foreign clans.)

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

Psalm – 45:1– 7

(Diadematta)

My heart is greatly stirred; I sing a noble theme,
My tongue's a skillful writer's pen to speak about the King.
Most beautiful of men, your lips are full of grace,
And therefore God bestowed on you a blessing evermore.

O Warrior take your sword in splendid majesty,
For meekness, truth and righteousness, ride on in victory.
Your right hand makes you feared, how sharp your arrows are,
They pierce the king's foes to the heart; beneath you nations fall.

Your throne, O God, will last forever evermore,
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter that is sure.
For you loved righteousness, and hated wickedness,
Above all others, God, your God, anoints with all gladness.

New Testament Gospel – Mark 10:1 – 12

(In discussing the issue of divorce, Jesus states that God's intention was for life-long unions.)

New Testament Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9:1 – 9

(Paul discusses the ministry of those Apostles who were married.)

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***Hymn – Lord, We Pray Thee**

(Regent Square)

Lord, we pray Thee, Master Builder, great and holy, enter in,
Fill Thy sanctuary quickly, as our hallowing rites begin,
And Thyself its Consecrator rest for evermore therein.

Make Thy servants, though unworthy, temples of Thy grace to be;
Let us not in flesh or spirit prove disloyal unto Thee,
But in dedicated service praise Thy Name adoringly.

Make, O royal Priest, Thine altar here henceforth a throne of light,
Ever held in highest honor, and with many a gift made bright,
Ever blessed, ever peaceful, ever precious in Thy sight.

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Sermon:

"Heavy Rain (Reign)"
(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Ezra 10)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Westminster Shorter Catechism; Q & A # 87

Elder – What is repentance unto life?

All – Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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

***Song of Preparation – How Condescending and How Kind**

How condescending and how kind, is God's eternal Son!
Our mis'ry reached His heav'nly climb, and mercy brought Him down.
When justice, by our sins provoked, drew forth its dreadful sword,
He gave His soul up to the stroke, without a murmur'ing word.

Here is compassion from our God; the kind the Savior knew,
The price of pardon was his blood; his pity ne'er withdrew.
Here let our hearts begin to melt, while we His death record,
And with our joy for pardoned guilt, mourn that we pierced the Lord.

Here we receive repeated seals of Jesus' dying love:
Hard, is the wretch that never feels one soft affection move.
For his, he reigns exalted high, his love is ever great;
Here we remember Calvary, and patiently await.
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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**

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!

***Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

*Those who are able, please stand. —CCLI #2831635
Please join us after the service for refreshments, fellowship, and Sunday School classes