

Sunday, March 13, 2011
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 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, one another, 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 creed confessing church acknowledging Christ alone as the savior of sinners. The sacraments teach us to "see & sense" the promises of Christ.
- We encourage "family worship." Families with young children who practice this at home are welcome to stay for the service. Above all, 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 staffed by volunteers each Sunday.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent

***Opening Hymn – For All the Saints # 358**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed – Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light – Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine – Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way – Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 80:18b–19

Elder – Give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

All – Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us: restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and obedient life, to the glory of Your holy name. *Amen.*

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Song of Praise – Son of God

(Starfield)

Son of God, shaper of the stars – you alone, the dweller of my heart,
Mighty King, how beautiful You are... how beautiful!

Son of God, the Father's gift to us – you alone, were broken on the altar of love,
Precious lamb, our freedom's in Your blood... it's in Your blood!

Jesus, O Holy One – I sing to You... Forgiven!
Savior, I'm overcome; with Your great love for me.

Son of God, strength beyond compare – you alone, the darkness cannot bear,
Lord of all, Your kindness draws me near... it draws me.

Son of God, prophecy of old – you alone, redeemer of my soul,
Come again and lead your people home... come lead us home!

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Exodus 3:1 – 6

(The Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush.)

Old Testament Prophet – Jonah 1:17 – 2:10

(After the great storm, Jonah is thrown overboard and brought to a place of spiritual reflection.)

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

Psalm – 18:3

I will call (echo), upon the Lord (echo), Who is worthy (echo), to be praised (echo),
So shall I be saved; so shall I be saved; so shall I be saved... from my enemies.

New Testament Gospel – Luke 21:8 – 12

(Jesus foretells of future struggles and persecution that would be endured by his saints.)

New Testament Epistle – Acts 22:3 – 16

(Saul, who is now known as Paul, recounts the testimony of his conversion.)

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***Hymn – We Sing the Glorious Conquest**

(Ellecombe)

We sing the glorious conquest, before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler, came breathing threats and hate;
The rav'ning wolf rushed forward; full early to the prey;
But lo! The Shepherd met him, and bound him fast that day.

O glory most excelling that smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded, the zealot in his wrath!
O voice that spake within him – the calm, reproving word!
O love that sought and held him, the bondman of his Lord!

Lord, teach Thy Church the lesson, still in her darkest hour,
Of weakness and of danger, to trust Thy hidden power;
Thy grace, by ways mysterious; the wrath of man can bind,
And in Thy boldest foeman, Thy chosen saint can find.

Sermon:

“Suddenly, A Light!”

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Acts 9:1–16)

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Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response

Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 men, 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 sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick 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 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.*

Offering

[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, Holy, Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, "Praise to the King of Kings,
You are our everything, and we will adore You."

Sacrament of the Lord's Table

{The presiding minister will give further direction for participation. Wine & juice provided.}

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 salvations' dawn, this child so long foretold.
This is the savior of the world, the nation's promised Light.
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

***Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

*Those who are able, please stand.

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- ▮ Prepare for each Sunday's Service by visiting our website "Worship Service" tab. ▮