

Sunday, March 14, 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 – We Praise Thee, O God**

(Lyons)

We praise Thee, O God, our Lord and our King,
Accept Thou the praise we gratefully bring;
Thanksgiving and worship we offer to Thee,
Thou Ruler of nations, in Whom we are free.

We praise Thee, O God, for years of increase,
For faith unassailed, prosperity, peace;
United we offer our anthem of praise,
To Thee, our Supporter, our Ancient of Days.

We pray Thee, O Christ, our Savior and Friend,
From error and strife Thy Zion defend;
Breathe on us, we pray Thee, O Spirit of love,
And fit us for union with Thy church above.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 71:17–18

Elder – O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

All – So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration
Confession

O Holy God, we confess that You are eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Forgive us our failings, inattention, pride, forgetfulness, doubt, and rebellion. Speak to us about Your strength, Your care, Your correction, and Your steadfast mercy. Remind us again of Your holy presence among Your people. Free us from shame and deceitfulness. Help us to renew our zeal in serving You above all others...

Assurance of Pardon

"You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress." – Ps. 71:3

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Song – To Christ the Lord, Let Every Tongue

To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring.
When He's the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell.
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell.

He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief;
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief.
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head.
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed.

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have;
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave.
To Heav'n the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet;
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete.

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Genesis 15:1 – 6

(The word of the Lord came to Abram... and he believed!)

Old Testament Prophet – Jeremiah 6:10– 23

(The prophet announces judgment upon the Daughter of Zion for not heeding the word of the Lord.)

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

Psalm – 119:105–112

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X's)

I have sworn an oath, to keep Your righteous rules,
Even when I'm afflicted;
Give me life, O LORD; according to Your word!
Accept my praises as offerings.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X's)

My life is in Your hands, I'll keep all Your commands,
Though wicked men lay a snare for me.
Your precepts are my strength, the joy of all my heart,
And I will love You to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X's)

New Testament Gospel – Matthew 7:24 – 29

(Jesus teaches with "authority.")

New Testament Epistle – 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

("All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable...")

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***Hymn – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart # 338**

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

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I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Sermon: **"The Authority and Uses of Scripture"**
(Message by: Donald McConnell; Text: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Westminster Confession – The Holy Scripture

The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, does not depend upon the testimony of any man or church, but entirely upon God, its author (Who is truth itself); therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God. (4.1)

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, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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
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