

Sunday, April 11, 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

***Opening Hymn – Take Me, O My Father, Take Me # 491**

Take me, O my Father, take me; take me, save me, through Thy Son;
That which Thou wouldst have me, make me; let Thy will in me be done.
Long from Thee my footsteps straying, thorny proved the way I trod;
Weary come I now, and praying, take me to Thy love, my God.

*Fruitless years with grief recalling, humbly I confess my sin;
At Thy feet, O Father, falling, to Thy household take me in.
Freely now to Thee I proffer, this relenting heart of mine;
Freely life and love I offer, gift unworthy love like Thine.*

Once the world's Redeemer, dying, bore our sins upon the tree;
On that sacrifice relying, now I look in hope to Thee:
Father, take me; all forgiving, fold me to Thy loving breast;
In Thy love forever living, I must be forever blest.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 74:1-2

Elder – O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

All – Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!
Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration; Confession & Pardon

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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Song – In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought & storm.

*What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!*

My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love & righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.*

'Til on the cross as Jesus died – the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

*And as He stands in victory – sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;*

'Til He returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Deuteronomy 30:1– 18

(Moses sets out the blessings and curses of covenant keeping and disobedience.)

Old Testament Prophet – Isaiah 63:7 – 19

(The prophet laments the spiritual devotion of Israel and pleads with the Lord to be merciful.)

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

Psalm – 44:20–26

(Foundation)

If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or have to an idol our hands spread abroad,
Would God not search out and uncover this sin?
For He knows each heart and the secrets within.

*Through out all the day, for Your sake, we're consumed;
We're counted as sheep that to slaughter are doomed.
O why are You sleeping? Arouse Yourself, Lord!
Awake! Do not leave us forever ignored.*

O why are You hiding the light of Your face;
Forgetting the burden and grief of our race?
Our flesh turns to clay and our soul sinks to dust.
O help us! Redeem us! In your love we trust.

New Testament Gospel – Luke 1:67 – 75

(The prophetic utterance of John the Baptist's father after his full term of silence.)

New Testament Epistle – Romans 11:1 – 5

(The Apostle teaches that God has always preserved a righteous remnant to inherit covenant blessings.)

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***Song – Your Grace is Enough**

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Great is Your faithfulness O God,
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart,
You lead us by still waters and to mercy – and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people; remember Your children;
Remember Your promise – O God!

*Your grace is enough! Your grace is enough!
Your grace is enough for me...*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob,
You use the weak to lead the strong,
You lead us in the song of Your salvation – and all Your people sing along...

Sermon:

“The Remnant in Trouble”

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; text: Nehemiah 1)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A # 63

Elder – What are the special privileges of the visible church?

All – The visible church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, not withstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him.

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 further direction for participation.
Wine is located in the cups arranged closest to the center cross.}*

Commissioning of the Church

***Closing Prayer; Doxology; Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

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