

Sunday, April 18, 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 87:1-3*

**Elder** – On the holy mount stands the city He founded; the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

**All** – Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.

**\*Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration

Confession

Gracious God, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly;  
turning aside from Your holy and life-giving commandments.

We do not present our supplications because we are righteous but because  
You are compassionate and merciful. Forgive us, Lord, for we know that  
we have been called, convicted and revived by You...

Assurance of Pardon

*"Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,  
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!" – Psalm 89:5*

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**Song – Once Again**

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,  
You became nothing ~ poured out to death.  
Many times, I've wondered at your gift of life,  
I'm in that place once again ~ I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside,  
Once again I thank You ~ Once again I pour out my life...*

Now You are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the Heavens, where one day I'll bow;  
But for now, I'll marvel at Your saving grace,  
I'm full of praise once again ~ I'm full of praise once again!

**Consecration by the Word**

**Old Testament Law – Genesis 22:1– 18**

*(The Lord tests Abraham by demanding the sacrifice of his true son. His obedience is met with a promise.)*

**Old Testament Prophet – Ezra 4:11 – 23**

*(King Artaxerxes was had made an earlier decree to halt the restoration of Jerusalem.)*

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

**Psalm – 118:20–26**

*(Azmon)*

Now open wide the gates for me, the gates of righteousness,  
And I will enter in through them, with thanks, the Lord I'll bless.

*This is the gate that is the Lord's, the righteous enter in.  
I'm thankful You have answered me; my Savior You have been.*

That stone is now the cornerstone that builders once despised.  
This is the doing of the Lord, and wondrous in our eyes.

**New Testament Gospel – John 5:1 – 9**

*(One incident of Jesus healing an invalid was near the Sheep Gate of Jerusalem.)*

**New Testament Epistle – Hebrews 13:12**

*(So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.)*

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**\*Song – We Rest on Thee**

*(Finlandia)*

We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender!  
We go not forth alone against the foe;  
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,  
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.  
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,  
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.

*We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,  
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."  
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**Sermon:**

**"The King and I"**

*(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; text: Nehemiah 2)*

**Coming Together as the Church**

**Elder's Response & Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A # 115**

**Elder** – What is the fourth commandment?

**All** – The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work; thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in is them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

**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**

**\*Sursum Corda**

**Minister:** Communion of Christ, we are gathered in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People:** Amen!

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them to the Lord!

**Minister:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

**Minister:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**\*Agnus Dei**

*(Coronation)*

O Lamb of God, the loving Lamb, the Lamb of Calvary!

The Lamb was slain, but lives again, to intercede for me! *(Repeat)*

I do believe, I now believe, that Jesus died for me;

And through His blood, His precious blood, I shall from sin be free. *(Repeat)*

**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.**

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