

Sunday, April 25, 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 48:1-2

Elder – Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

All – His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration

Confession

O Lord, we have all become like one who is unclean; all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. Before You, no creature can hide; all is laid bare before the judgment of Your consuming fire.
Remember not our sins or our transgressions; but remember the sacrifice of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who has atoned for our sins.

O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.

Assurance of Pardon

"But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me." Psalm 49:15

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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 – Exodus 3:7– 17

(The Lord speaks with Moses about His promise to lead the children of Abraham out of slavery..)

Old Testament Prophet – 2 Samuel 5:1 – 10

(The account of David becoming King and his conquering and possession of Jerusalem.)

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

Psalm – 133

(Ortonville)

Behold, how good a thing it is and how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are, in unity to dwell! In unity to dwell!

*Like precious ointment on the head, that down the beard did flow,
Ev'n Aaron's beard, and to the skirts did of his garments go, did of his garments go.*

Like Hermon's dew, the dew that doth On Zion's hills descend;
For there the blessing God commands: Life that shall never end,
Life that shall never end.

New Testament Gospel – John 9:1 – 7

(One incident of Jesus healing a blind man in the city of Jerusalem.)

New Testament Epistle – Hebrews 12:22 – 29

(The "city" to which the Christian belongs is the "heavenly Jerusalem!")

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***Song – Jerusalem On High**

(Darwalls's 148th)

Jerusalem on high, my song that city is,
My home whene'er I die, the center of my bliss;
O happy place! When shall I be, my God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

*There dwells my Lord, my King, judged here – unfit to live;
There, angels to Him sing and lowly homage give;
O happy place! When shall I be, my God, with Thee, to see Thy face?*

The patriarchs of old, there, from their travels cease;
The prophets there behold their longed-for Prince of peace;
O happy place! When shall I be, my God, with Thee, to see Thy face?

*The bleeding martyrs, they, within those courts are found,
Clothèd in pure array, their scars with glory crowned;*

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Sermon:

"The Sons Repaired"
(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; text: Nehemiah 3)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Scots Confession [(1560) Ch. 18; "The True Church" (ed.)]

...The *marks* of the true *Church*, ... we believe, confess, and avow to be: first, the true preaching of the Word of God, in which God has revealed Himself to us, as the writings of the prophets and apostles declare; second, the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus, with which must be associated the Word and promise of God to seal and confirm them in our hearts; and lastly, ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered, as God's Word prescribes, whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished...

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

***Hymn of Preparation – Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured** *(Luise)*

Let Thy blood in mercy poured, let Thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord, of Thy boundless love the token.

Thou didst give Thyself for me, now I give myself to Thee.

Thou didst die that I might live; blessèd Lord, Thou cam'st to save me:
All that love of God could give, Jesus by His off'ring gave me.

Thou didst give Thyself for me, now I give myself to Thee.

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow, by the spear wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death, I now, claim, O Christ, Thy love unfailing.

Thou didst give Thyself for me, now I give myself to Thee.

Wilt Thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give Thee;
Thou art my exalted King, of Thy matchless love forgive me.

Thou didst give Thyself for me, now I give myself to Thee.

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; Song of Simeon; Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.
This is the savior of the world, the nations' promised light.
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel!

*Those who are able, please stand.

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