

Sunday, May 15, 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 – O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling # 444**

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light,
That He who made all nations is not willing,
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption & release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying,
Bound in the darksome prison house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
Or of the life he died for them to win.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption & release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation,
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
And died on earth that we might live above.

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption & release.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:7 – 8

Elder – The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

All – O, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Gracious God, we gather to hear Your words of truth and hope! We desire to be transformed by Your word and Spirit. We cry out to You and lift our prayers of praise; but we also know that we have turned our ears and eyes from following Your commands. Forgive us Lord, for the sins we readily hide; for the temptations we do not rebuke; and for the bitterness we do not confess...

Prayer of Silent Confession & Assurance of Pardon

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Song of Praise – *There is Joy in the Lord*

There is joy in the Lord – there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him!
There's a fountain I know – every time I am near it,
My heart overflows to the Lord!

*All blessing and honor are His!
All glory and power are His!
Let all wisdom and strength, be the Lord's in this place,
Let all glory be given to Him!*

There is joy in the Lord – there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him
There's a fountain that flows – like a river from Heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul...

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – *Exodus 12:1 – 13*

(The menu and manners of the Passover Feast.)

Old Testament Prophet – *Zechariah 8:16 – 17*

("...render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace...")

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

Psalm – 94 (Adapted by Isaac Watts) (Millspaugh)

O God, to whom revenge belongs, proclaim Thy wrath aloud;
Let sovereign power redress our wrongs, let justice smite the proud.
They say, "The Lord nor sees nor hears." When will the fools be wise?
Can He be deaf who formed their ears? Or blind, who made their eyes?

*He knows their wicked thoughts are vain, and they shall feel His power;
His wrath shall pierce their souls with pain in some surprising hour.
But if Thy saints deserve rebuke, Thou hast a gentler rod;
Thy providences and Thy book shall make them know their God.*

Blest is the man Thy hands chastise, and to his duty draw;
Thy scourges make Thy children wise when they forget Thy law.
But God will ne'er cast off His saints, nor His own promise break;
He pardons His inheritance for their Redeemer's sake.

New Testament Gospel – *Mark 10:35 – 45*

(Jesus promises that James and John will endure future sufferings similar to his own.)

New Testament Epistle – *Revelation 22:6 – 9*

(The Apostle John had encounters with angelic messengers.)

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Song – *Whate'er My God Ordains is Right (Igrace tune)

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy – His will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.

*He is my God – though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall: Wherefore to Him I leave it all.*

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*Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
I take, content – what He hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait His day.*

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true – each morn' anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

*Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care ~ is 'round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all.*

Sermon: "The Cloak and Robe"

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Acts 12)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Cat. Q&A. 1 & 2

Elder – What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All – That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well, that without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*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.}*

***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!

Commissioning of the Church

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

*Those who are able, please stand. – CCLI #2831635
|| Please join us after the service for refreshments followed by Sunday School classes ||