

Sunday, November 20, 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 this order of worship. Bibles are available for each service; located on our Guest Book table. A "welcome package" has also been prepared for our first time visitors.
- 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 – Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1–2

Elder – Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

All – But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession & Assurance of Pardon

We glorify Your Name, O Lord, for You alone have saved, delivered, and protected us! We know abundant life in Jesus Christ and the restoration by Your Holy Spirit. Though we are sustained by Your aid, we confess and repent of our sins which accompany our fallen nature. Forgive us, dear God, and renew our hearts to long for the first love of our salvation...

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Praise Song – Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives & pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because a sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!
One in himself, I cannot die! My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Deuteronomy 4:5 – 8

("...what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law..?")

Old Testament Prophet – Micah 4:1 – 5

("...many nations shall...say: "Come, let us go...to the house...of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways."")

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

Psalm – 19:7 – 11

(Darwall's 148th)

The Lord's most perfect law will make the soul revive.
The Lord's firm witness makes the simple minded wise.
The precepts of – the Lord are right, and fill the heart with great delight
The Lord's command is pure, enlight'ning eyes to see.
Fear of the Lord is clean, and lasts eternally.
The judgments of – the Lord express His truth and perfect righteousness.
They're more to be desired than stores of finest gold;
Than honey from the comb, more sweetness far they hold.
With warnings they – Your servant guard; in keeping them is great reward.

New Testament Gospel – John 16:1 – 15

("...the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.")

New Testament Epistle – Philippians 3:17 – 21

("But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.")

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***Hymn – Come, Thou Almighty King**

(Italian Hymn)

Come, Thou Almighty King! Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend!
Come & Thy people bless & give Thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

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Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour!
Thou who Almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

Sermon:

"Citizen Paul"

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Acts 22:24 – 23:22)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – 2nd Helvetic (Ch. 30 – Of the Magistrate)

Elder – The chief duty of the magistrate is to secure and preserve peace and public tranquility.

All – Doubtless he will never do this more successfully than when he is truly God-fearing and religious; that is to say, when, according to the example of the most holy kings and princes of the people of the Lord, he promotes the preaching of the truth and sincere faith, roots out lies and all superstition, together with all impiety and idolatry, and defends the Church of God. We certainly teach that the care of religion belongs especially to the holy magistrate.

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

Song of Preparation – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives, to bless me with His love; he lives to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; he lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death,
He lives, my future to prepare, he lives, to bring me safely there.

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 & Song of Simeon**

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!

***Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

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