

The Lord's Day

June 7, 2015
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37-39

Prelude

The Heavens Are Praising the Lord of Creation

Beethoven

JonCarlos Ley, soloist

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

The heav'ns are praising the Lord of creation, Let all come forth and join the cry; Lift high a song in this great celebration, Rejoice, now sing to God on high! Proclaim the Lord of salvation with singing, Give praise to God, who reigns above! On earth and sea, hear the loud voices ringing, Sing praise to God, the King of love.

We praise our great God

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and [our] labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear
and come to me, hear me, that your soul may live.

*Hymn No. 77

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 5

(Hymnal, pg. 786)

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing.

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.

The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

You destroy those who tell lies; blood-thirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies—make straight your way before me.

Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction.

Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.

Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous;

you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Our Confession of Faith (responsive)

The Children's Catechism

Q. 91. What is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Q. 92. What does the fifth commandment teach us?

A. To love and obey our parents and teachers.

Q. 93. What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill."

Q. 94. What does the sixth commandment teach us?

A. To avoid angry passions.

Q. 95. What is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Q. 96. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. To be pure in heart, language and conduct.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

1 John 4:9-11 (ESV)

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*Hymn No. 353

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 37:10-29 (ESV)

¹⁰ (BEHZ uh lehl) [He] also made the table of acacia wood. Two cubits was its length, a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. ¹¹ And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a molding of gold around it. ¹² And he made a rim around it a handbreadth wide, and made a molding of gold around the rim. ¹³ He cast for it four rings of gold and fastened the rings to the four corners at its four legs. ¹⁴ Close to the frame were the rings, as holders for the poles to carry the table. ¹⁵ He made the poles of acacia wood to carry the table, and overlaid them with gold. ¹⁶ And he made the vessels of pure gold that were to be on the table, its plates and dishes for incense, and its bowls and flagons with which to pour drink offerings.

¹⁷ He also made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of hammered work. Its base, its stem, its cups, its calyxes, and its flowers were of one piece with it. ¹⁸ And there were six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; ¹⁹ three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. ²⁰ And on the lampstand itself were four cups made like almond blossoms, with their calyxes and flowers, ²¹ and a calyx of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out of it. ²² Their calyxes and their branches were of one piece with it. The whole of it was a single piece of hammered work of pure gold. ²³ And he made its seven lamps and its tongs and its trays of pure gold. ²⁴ He made it and all its utensils out of a talent of pure gold.

²⁵ He made the altar of incense of acacia wood. Its length was a cubit, and its breadth was a cubit. It was square, and two cubits was its height. Its horns were of one piece with it. ²⁶ He overlaid it with pure gold, its top and around its sides and its horns. And he made a molding of gold around it, ²⁷ and made two rings of gold on it under its molding, on two opposite sides of it, as holders for the poles with which to carry it. ²⁸ And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

²⁹ He made the holy anointing oil also, and the pure fragrant incense, blended as by the perfumer.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

Set Down Servant

arr. Robert Shaw

Jason and Beth Ryan, soloists

The Adult Choir

Set down, servant! I cain' set down. My soul's so happy dat I cain' set down! My Lawd, you know dat you promise' me a long white robe an' a pair of shoes. Go yonder angel, fetch me a pair of shoes. Place dem on a my servant's feet. Now servant you set down...My Lawd, you know dat you promise' me a long white robe an' a golden waist band. Go yonder angel, fetch me a golden waist band. Place it roun' a my servant's waist. Now servant you set down...my soul's so happy that I cain' set down.

Musical Interlude: Children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:8-10

(Pew Bible pg. 804)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Sermon

"Our Love Obligation"

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 427 (vv. 1, 2)

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Hamburg

Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, when at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 427 (vv. 3, 4)

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Hamburg

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace, and bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint your glory see!

*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)

Danish

Postlude

Prelude in F Major

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers today were given in loving memory of Sandy Schaller from her husband John.

Serving in our Nursery today: Betty Werner and Madison Kuriny; next week, June 14th: Christine Clark and Julianna Clark.

Our thanks to Jason & Beth Ryan and Timothy Johnson for their participation in our music today.

Those participating in the Summit Ministries program are now fully funded. Thanks for your generous support. Pray for them as they go. Gina Cicone will be leaving next Sunday for Los Angeles and Julian Hague, Madison Kuriny, Liz Leininger, and Ryan Leubecker will leave the first week of August for Colorado Springs. Pray for their preparations and for a productive time of study and learning.

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