

The Lord's Day

September 8, 2019

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...

The Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly—and pictures his kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom—that it might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible.
Martin Luther

Prelude

Mr. Jonathan King

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 92:1, 2, 4, 5a (ESV)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night...

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O LORD!

*Hymn No. 40

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Bethlehem

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,
And therefore though the earth remove, we will not be afraid;
Though hills amidst the sea be cast, though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,
The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has his abode.
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand,
For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved, but when his voice was heard,
The troubled earth was stilled to peace before his mighty word.
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works Jehovah's hand has wrought;
Come, see what desolation great he on the earth has brought.
To utmost ends of all the earth he causes war to cease;
The weapons of the strong destroyed, he makes abiding peace.

"Be still and know that I am God, o'er all exalted high;
The subject nations of the earth my name shall magnify."
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 97

(Hymnal pg. 820)

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—worship him, all you gods!

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,

For he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

*Assurance of Pardon

Before the Throne

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and 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 (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with 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 (2X)

Confession Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 127

What do we pray for when we ask, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil?” **That since we are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand a moment; and since our mortal enemies, the devil, the world, and our own flesh, cease not to assault us, we pray that God would preserve and strengthen us by the power of His Holy Spirit, so that we may not be overcome in this spiritual warfare, but constantly and strenuously may resist our foes until at last we obtain a complete victory.**

Old Testament Reading

Judges 15:11-20

(Pew Bible, pg. 182)

¹¹ Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so have I done to them.” ¹² And they said to him, “We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines.” And Samson said to them, “Swear to me that

you will not attack me yourselves.” ¹³ They said to him, “No; we will only bind you and give you into their hands. We will surely not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

¹⁴ When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. ¹⁵ And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men. ¹⁶ And Samson said,

“With the jawbone of a donkey,
heaps upon heaps,
with the jawbone of a donkey
have I struck down a thousand men.”

¹⁷ As soon as he had finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand. And that place was called Ramath-lehi. [the hill of the jawbone]

¹⁸ And he was very thirsty, and he called upon the LORD and said, “You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant, and shall I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” ¹⁹ And God split open the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out from it. And when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore the name of it was called En-hakkore; [the spring of him who called] it is at Lehi to this day. ²⁰ And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

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

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Psalm 30

(Pew Bible, pg. 394)

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

30 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. [that I should not go down to the pit]

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name. [to the memorial of his holiness]

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment,

and his favor is for a lifetime. [and in his favor is life]

Weeping may tarry for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,

“I shall never be moved.”

⁷ By your favor, O LORD,

you made my mountain stand strong;

you hid your face;
 I was dismayed.
⁸ To you, O LORD, I cry,
 and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
⁹ “What profit is there in my death,^[in my blood]
 if I go down to the pit?^[to corruption]
 Will the dust praise you?
 Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
 O LORD, be my helper!”
¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
 you have loosed my sackcloth
 and clothed me with gladness,
¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
 O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Sermon

“The LORD My Helper!”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 188

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Tranquility

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart,
 Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
 For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

***Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
 I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.***

O how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
 O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
 Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
 Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
 And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
 Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev’ry need,
 Compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed.

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
 Resting ‘neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth’s dark shadows flee.
 Brightness of my Father’s glory, sunshine of my Father’s face,
 Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace.

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

Danish

 *Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Karen Wallace; **NEXT WEEK**, Sept. 15th, Janet Johnson.

We welcome Jonathan King as our musician this morning. Jonathan works with Steve Holmes at the Church of the Resurrection.

Sunday School has begun again! The Adults are considering “The Biblical Response to the Social Justice Movements” for the month of September, led by Angela Andrade. Please join us at 9:00 AM!

