

## *The Lord's Day*

January 19, 2020  
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...*

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born from God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.* *1 John 4:7, 8 (ESV)*

Prelude

Canon in D

Pachelbel  
Mr. Keith Derrickson

### **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 145:18; Isaiah 55:6, 7

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call on him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

\*Hymn No. 76

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

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**

Confession of Sin (unison)

based on Psalm 6

**Holy God, Lord most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Holy you are, and we cannot stand in your presence. Yet you have called us to come to you. We feel unworthy, for we have failed you again and again. We feel like running away, yet you keep calling us. Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy! Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. To him be honor and glory. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:17-19 (ESV)

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

## Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31 ed.

Why is [Jesus] called Christ, that is, anointed? **Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body, has redeemed us ...**

\*Hymn No. 156

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

St. Theodulph

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;  
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,  
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,  
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.  
Despair not, he is near you, yea, standing at the door,  
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace.  
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,  
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heaven.

## Old Testament Reading

Judges 19:16-30

(Pew Bible, pg. 185)

<sup>16</sup> And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. The man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojourning in Gibeah. The men of the place were Benjaminites. <sup>17</sup> And he lifted up his eyes and saw the traveler in the open square of the city. And the old man said, "Where are you going? And where do you come from?" <sup>18</sup> And he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, from which I come. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to the house of the LORD,<sup>[my home]</sup> but no one has taken me into his house. <sup>19</sup> We have straw and feed for our donkeys, with bread and wine for me and your female servant and the young man with your servants. There is no lack of anything." <sup>20</sup> And the old man said, "Peace be to you; I will care for all your wants. Only, do not spend the night in the square." <sup>21</sup> So he brought him into his house and gave the donkeys feed. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

**Gibeah's Crime**

<sup>22</sup> As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless fellows, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old man, the master of the house, "Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him." <sup>23</sup> And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing. <sup>24</sup> Behold, here are

my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing.”<sup>25</sup> But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go.<sup>26</sup> And as morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man’s house where her master was, until it was light.

<sup>27</sup> And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold. <sup>28</sup> He said to her, “Get up, let us be going.” But there was no answer. Then he put her on the donkey, and the man rose up and went away to his home. <sup>29</sup> And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel. <sup>30</sup> And all who saw it said, “Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak.”

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

*Be Thou With Me*

Bach

*The children may dismiss for church-time programs.*

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Hosea 3

(Pew Bible, pg. 637)

**3** And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” <sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer <sup>[6 bushels]</sup> and a lethech <sup>[three bushels]</sup> of barley. <sup>3</sup> And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” <sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Sermon

“Transforming Love”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God’s grace**

\*Hymn No. 251

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

St. Christopher

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:

