

The Lord's Day

November 1, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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

We prepare for worship

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

"You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you..."
Deuteronomy 15:15 (ESV)

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:6, 7 (ESV)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou has the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sin (unison)

Martin Bucer

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your Name's sake be gracious unto us, forgive us our iniquity which is great. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-2:2 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 54

What do you believe concerning the “holy catholic Church” of Christ?

That the Son of God from the beginning to the end of the world, gathers, defends, and preserves to Himself by His Spirit and Word, out of the whole human race, a Church chosen to everlasting life, agreeing in true faith; and that I am and for ever shall remain, a living member thereof.

Hymn No. 466

I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

Peace

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-
vexed sea—

'twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.

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

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:8-11 (ESV)

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

Sermon "The Knowledge of God" Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 7 (HMR) (vv. 1-3) *Come to the Waters* Boice/Jones

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city,
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply,"
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money;
Buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
Jesus the selfless One, died for the lost.

The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No 7 (HMR) (vv. 4, 5) *Come to the Waters* Boice/Jones

Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
Stretch out your hand, fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of Salvation.
God has provided an end to sin's strife.
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?
Take the free gift of the water of life.

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

Postlude

We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the music for us this morning.