

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

“You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:18-20, 22 (NIV)

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 21

Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect? **The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.**

Hymn No. 230

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

French Carol

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who was rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav’nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becamest man;

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

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

Offertory

Consolation

F. Mendelssohn

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Sermon

“The Mind of Christ”

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 644 (vv. 1-3)

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 644 (vv. 4, 5)

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

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

Danish

Postlude

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley

Pledge cards for 2022 are in the narthex. Please consider filling out a pledge card and placing it in the offering plate. These greatly assist the Session in preparing the budget for the coming year.

Officer Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses can be made by submitting names to either John Cicone (Clerk of Session) or Pastor Ceselsky.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are in the narthex. Filled boxes must be returned to the church no later than NEXT SUNDAY!

Poinsettias for Christmas can be ordered by signing up in the book in the narthex, or by emailing Pastor Ceselsky. The cost is \$9 per plant – please use the pink envelopes in the narthex and label the envelope for “flowers.” The deadline to order plants is Sunday, December 5.

Funds are Needed for the Tiemann Music Fund: With the holidays coming and the mask mandate likely to remain in place, we cannot have a choir. Dr. Dean would therefore like to enhance our worship with soloists and musicians. If you are able to give to this fund, please use one of the pink envelopes and label it “Tiemann Music Fund.”

The Women’s Bible Study will begin on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 11. Gwen Cicone will be leading the study using Rafiki material on 1 Samuel.

The Men’s Bible Study will also meet at the same time doing the Rafiki 1 Samuel study.

We are still collecting used inkjet cartridges. There is a box in the kitchen labeled for the donations.