

The Lord's Day

September 5, 2021 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...

Don't be disheartened because you feel weak. By grace your Savior lives inside you, and he is your strength.

Paul David Tripp

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies (Laudes Domini)

Barnby

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Director of Music

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Ceselsky

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

Come to me, all who labor and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Hymn No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as they matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail through out eternity.

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

Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 168 (ed.)

What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, His death is shown forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon His body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with Him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness, and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship with one another, as members of the same mystical body.

Hymn

The Power of the Cross

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O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood—
This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your blood stained brow—
This the pow'r...

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—"Finished!" the vict'ry cry—
This the pow'r...

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross

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

For God So Loved The World

Stainer

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 (ESV)

¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶**The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?** ¹⁷**Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.** ¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Sermon

“Communing Together”

Pastor Bell

Hymn No. 378 (vv. 1-3)

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Morecambe

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heav'nly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 378 (vv. 4, 5)

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Morecambe

I have no help but thine, nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace, thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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

Danish

Postlude

Recessional

Kipling

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on NEXT SUNDAY! Elder John Cicone will be teaching an adult class on the Gospel of Matthew using curriculum from the Rafiki Foundation. Gwen will be teaching the children also using curriculum from Rafiki.

Volunteers Needed to teach Sunday School for a couple of 5-year-olds and to help in the nursery. Please contact Pastor Ceselsky if you can help with either group.