

Welcome...

...to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

*Worship consists of a dialogue between God and His people. God speaks and we respond by grace. The pastor and a ruling elder lead us.
Please stand, if able.

Order of Morning Worship

November 22, 2020

Prelude *We prepare silently to meet God in worship.*

***Call to Worship** Psalm 138:1-3

***Song of Approach** "His Mercy is More"

What love could remember,
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea,
Without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam
What Father so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

What riches of kindness, He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt, we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus twice

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***Invocation and Profession of Faith**

Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. *Yes, unless we are born again, by the Spirit of God.*

Q. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in His law what we are unable to do?

A. *No, God created humans with the ability to keep the law. They, however, tempted by the devil, in reckless disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.*

Q. Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

A. *Certainly not. He is terribly angry about the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge He punishes them now and in eternity. He has declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."*

Q. But isn't God also merciful?

A. *God is certainly merciful, but He is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against His supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty— eternal punishment of body and soul.*

Q. What is true faith?

A. *True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation. (Heidelberg Catechism, #8-11, 21)*

***Hymn 115** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 8

Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We, Your unworthy servants, give You humble thanks
For all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us
And to all whom You have made.
We bless You for our creation, preservation,
And all the blessings of this life;
But above all, for Your immeasurable love
In the redemption of the church by our Lord Jesus
Christ;
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
Give us such an awareness of Your mercies
That with truly thankful hearts
We may show forth Your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,
By giving up ourselves before You
In holiness and righteousness for our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
To Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,

Be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

***Hymn 715** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou thy people in,

Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2:5-18

Message *"WHY GOD THINKS ABOUT PUNY PEOPLE"*

***Hymn** "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.

For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

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***God Blesses His People**

2 Corinthians 13:14

***Hymn 734**

“Gloria Patri”