

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, May 3, 2015

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95:6, 7)

[* indicates standing]

Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests]

Preparation for Worship

Silent Prayer

***The Call to Worship**

***God's Welcome to His People**

***Psalm of Response** (found on back of bulletin)

Psalter 150B

***Confession of our need for God's grace** (Psalm 124 read responsively):

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"

***Opening Prayer**

God's Law

Jeremiah 18:1-17

Prayer of Confession, Praise (God's assurance of pardon Psa. 103:11-12.)

***Psalm of Praise**

Psalter 76A

Confession of Faith (see bulletin insert)

WCF 5:3-6

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

***Psalm of Preparation**

Psalter 46B

Prayer & Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:1-21

Sermon

Romans 9:19-21

***Respond in Song**

Psalter 103D

***Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)**

(1 Peter 5:10-11)

***(Moment of Silent Meditation)**

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Sermon: **God's Absolute Sovereignty**

1. The objection (Rom. 9:19; Ex. 33:19 cp Rom. 9:15; Mat. 13:13-15; Isa. 42:18-20; Deut. 29:3-4; John 9:39; 2Co. 4:3-4; Isa. 44:18)
2. The absoluteness of the answer.
3. The opposition of the answer. (Rom. 9:21; Eph. 1:4; Rev. 13:8; 1Jo 3:8-10)
4. The maintenance of the answer. (Rom. 9:19-21; Joh. 18:38)

CALENDAR

- Sundays: 10:00 AM—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship—Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
- Pizza & Theology—May 29, Last Friday of the month; at school, 6:30-8:30 PM ["Theology" is discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (Let us know your needs for prayer!)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country and government; and persecuted church in the world and the downfall of ISIS and all persecutors of Christianity.
- Pray for King's: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)
 - Salvation of loved ones and others we know.
 - The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on back table).
 - God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
 - Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
 - Pray for Pastor Poettcker's work in Suriname with Pastor Hamid.
 - HEALTH: Pastor Donnan (eyes, heart, diabetes, eye surgery Thursday). Gloria Donnan (Recovery from surgery on broken femur; Alzheimer's). Helen Poettcker (recovery). Anna Dietz (post-surgery recovery), Arlis (Sharilyn's sister), Tom 98 (Strelecki's friend) surgery.
 - For Pastor Grossmann safe return to South Dakota this week. Evans and Strelecki travels.
 - Hicks (as members who are away from us); search for business location.
- Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.
 - Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa PFL safe return of Pastor Waters to Iowa. (Rev. Waters; seeking pastoral help); Rev. Gibson (pastoral calling).
 - Modolo's in Italy (direction; encouragement; healing for Giorgio's foot).
- Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:
 - GNBS (progress of programming, ongoing work in editing for various countries, students)
 - Work of course production for the M.Div. program.
 - RCM and personnel's financial needs (Revs. Poettcker & Otis).
 - Pastor Jacob Machira's wife in Kenya, breast cancer recovery.
 - Pray for churches in Nepal (earthquake); recovery efforts.

Psalm 150B

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in His mighty expanse.
Praise Him for His mighty deeds. Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him with the trumpet sound. Praise Him with the harp and lyre.
Praise Him with timbrel and dancing. Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.
Praise Him with loud cymbals. Praise Him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the Lord!*

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,
the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 5 — Of Providence

3. God, in His ordinary providence, maketh use of means,(1) yet is free to work without,(2) above,(3) and against them,(4) at His pleasure.
(1) Acts 27:31,44; Isa. 55:10,11; Hos. 2:21,22. (2) Hos. 1:7; Matt. 4:4; Job 34:10. (3) Rom. 4:19,20,21. (4) 2 Kings 6:6; Dan. 3:27.
4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that it extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and men,(1) and that not by a bare permission,(2) but such as hath joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding,(3) and otherwise ordering and governing of them, in a manifold dispensation, to His own holy ends;(4) yet so, as the sinfulness thereof proceedeth only from the creature, and not from God; who, being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or approver of sin.(5)
(1) Rom. 11:32,33,34; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Chron. 21:1; 1 Kings 22:22,23; 1 Chron. 10:4,13,14; 2 Sam. 16:10; Acts 2:23; Acts 4:27,28. (2) Acts 14:16. (3) Ps. 76:10; 2 Kings 19:28. (4) Gen. 1:20; Isa. 10:6,7,12. (5) James 1:13,14,17; 1 John 2:16; Ps. 50:21.
5. The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes leave, for a season, His own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled;(1) and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon Himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.(2)
(1) 2 Chron. 32:25,26,31; 2 Sam. 24:1. (2) 2 Cor. 12:7,8,9; Ps. 73; Ps. 77:1,10,12; Mark 14:66-72; John 21:15,16,17.
6. As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as a righteous judge, for former sins, doth blind and harden,(1) from them He not only withholdeth His grace, whereby they might have been enlightened in their understandings, and wrought upon in their hearts;(2) but sometimes also withdraweth the gifts which they had,(3) and exposeth them to such objects as their corruption makes occasions of sin;(4) and, withal, gives them over to their own lusts, the temptations of the world, and the power of Satan,(5) whereby it comes to pass that they harden themselves, even under those means which God useth for the softening of others.(6)
(1) Rom. 1:24,26,28; Rom. 11:7,8. (2) Deut. 29:4. (3) Matt. 13:12; Matt. 25:29. (4) Deut. 2:30; 2 Kings 8:12,13. (5) Ps. 81:11,12; 2 Thess. 2:10,11. (6) Exod. 7:3; Exod. 8:15,32; 2 Cor. 2:15,16; Isa. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:7,8; Isa. 6:9,10; Acts 28:26,27.

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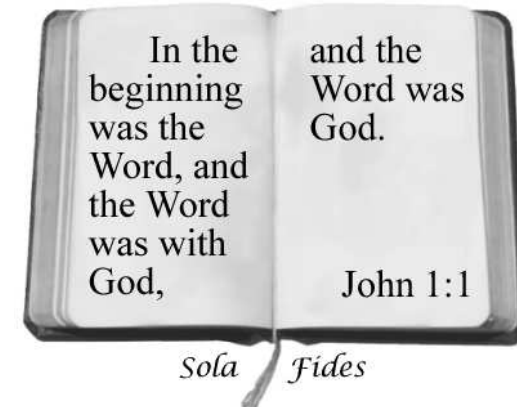
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

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Questions

1. What is the objection that Scripture responds to in Romans 9:19? What is the answer of Scripture? Where do such objections come from?
2. What happens to man's choice under God's sovereignty? Explain.
3. What illustration or picture does our text use to explain God's sovereignty? Explain and give other examples from your own life.
4. How does God blind those who see? How does He open the eyes who are blind?
5. How does the lump differ from the vessels made from it? What does the lump stand for? What does the lump tell us about when the vessels were made?
6. How can Christians be guilty of these same kinds of objections? What must we do about them when they arise?
7. Is it okay to ask questions about God? How do questions differ from objections?
8. Did God make His plan for the world before He created it or after He created it? Since He is perfect and sovereign, what does this tell us about His plan as it has worked itself out in history?
9. Who originated sin? What Scripture tells us this?