

A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Call to Worship

(Isaiah 55:1-3)

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live...”

The Salutation

(Jude 1-2)

“To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: may mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

(Psalm 24)

"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Psalm 22B

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

1. All you that fear Jehovah's name,
his glory tell, his praise proclaim;
you children of his chosen race,
stand now in awe before his face,
stand now in awe before his face.
3. O Lord, your goodness makes me raise
amid your people songs of praise;
before all them that fear you, now

I worship you and pay my vow,
I worship you and pay my vow.

4. For all the meek you will provide,
they shall be fed and satisfied;
all they that seek the Lord shall live
and never-ending praises give,
and never-ending praises give.

5. The Lord's unfailing righteousness
all generations shall confess;
from age to age shall men be taught
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

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-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

(Isaiah 56:6)

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

General Prayer of Confession

Leader:

O Lord, we have sinned and rebelled against you; we have turned aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke in your name. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, for we have not obeyed your voice. But to you also belong mercy and forgiveness. Now therefore, O our God, listen to our pleas for mercy. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your forgiveness and steadfast love. O Lord, hear us. O Lord, forgive us. *(Based on Daniel 9)*

The Assurance of Pardon

(Isaiah 53:11)

“Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see light, and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”

The Prayer of the Church

(Ps. 86:6-7)

“Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.”

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9 (ESV)

“Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

The New Testament Reading

John 3:1-15 (ESV)

“Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

The Sermon

(Shane Rosenthal)

The Tower of Babel
Genesis 11:1-9

-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-

The Confession of Faith
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 21

What is true faith?

Unison:

True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

Hymn #435

Not What My Hands Have Done

1. Not what my hands have done
can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne
can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears
can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ,
can ease this weight of sin;
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God,

not mine, O Lord, to thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest,
and set my spirit free.

3. Thy grace alone, O God,
to me can pardon speak;
thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine,
no other blood will do;
no strength, save that which is divine,
can bear me safely through.

5. I praise the God of grace;
I trust his truth and might;
he calls me his, I call him mine,
my God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me,
and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me,
I live because he lives.

-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-

The Benediction

The Doxology

Hymn #280 - *Wondrous King, All-Glorious*

1. Wondrous King, all glorious,
sov'reign Lord victorious,
oh, receive our praise with favor!
From thee welled God's kindness
tho' we in our blindness
strayed from thee, our blessed Savior.
Strengthen thou, help us now;
Let our tongues be singing,
Thee our praises bringing.

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