

DECEMBER 3, 2017

THE LORD'S DAY

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Worship**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn #6** "All Ye That Fear Jehovah's Name"
PARK STREET

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.*

*For Thy Church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.*

*For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our race so freely giv'n;
For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth, and joy in heav'n.*

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

Scripture Reading **Luke 11:1-26**

***Hymn #309** "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"
WARRINGTON

Choral Anthem

*Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.*

*Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.*

*Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, and never to die.*

*Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.*

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #419** "I Need Thee, Precious Jesus"
MEIRIONYDD

Sermon "The Believer's Life of Prayer: Deliberate"

Question 178: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Question 180: What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

Answer: To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

Question 181: Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

Answer: The sinfulness of man, and his distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into his presence without a mediator; and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit for, that glorious work but Christ alone, we are to pray in no other name but his only.

Westminster Larger Catechism

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

***Hymn #518** "Come, Ye Disconsolate"
ALMA

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #531 "Come My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare"
HENDON

Scripture Reading **Nehemiah 1:1-2:8**

Announcements

Offertory

*Round the Lord in glory seated, cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated each to each the alternate hymn:
"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with its fulness stored;
Unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord!"*

*Heav'n is still with glory ringing, earth takes up the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing, "Lord of Hosts, the Lord most high."
With his seraph train before him, with his holy church below,
This conspire we to adore him, bid we thus our anthem flow:*

*"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with its fulness stored;
Unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord!"
Thus thy glorious Name confessing, we adopt thine angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," blessing Thee, the Lord of Hosts most high.*

***Supplement Hymn #15** "Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid"
MELITA

Sermon "The Believer's Life of Prayer: Spontaneous"

Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.

Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable by any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth; as, in private families daily, and in secret, each one by himself; so, more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to be neglected, or forsaken, when God, by his Word or providence, calleth thereunto.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXI
"Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day," Sections 3, 6

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing