

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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 #400 “Come Thou Fount”
NETTLETON

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul!
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

Scripture Reading I Samuel 7:1-17

*Psalter Hymn #143C Psalm 143:1-12
ST. ELIZABETH

Choral Anthem

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
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*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me.*

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #419 “I Need Thee Precious Jesus”
MEIRIONYDD

Sermon “The Revival at Ebenezer”

Although hypocrites and other unregenerate men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favor of God, and estate of salvation (which hope of theirs shall perish): yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.

This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation, the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made, the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God, which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.

This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties before he be partaker of it: yet, being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may, without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of ordinary means, attain thereunto. And therefore it is the duty of everyone to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure, that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance; so far is it from inclining men to looseness.

True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, by God's withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light: yet are they never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived; and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XVIII
“Of Assurance of Grace and Salvation,” Section 1-4

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM

Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

*Hymn #298 “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”
TRURO

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #2 “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”
STUTT GART

Scripture Reading I Timothy 3:1-16

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Offertory

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Father-like, he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy goes.*

*Hymn #20 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise”
WARRINGTON

Sermon “Why Behave in Church?”

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
“Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day,” Section 6

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing