

MARCH 18, 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 #1 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
THE OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.*

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.*

Scripture Reading Hebrews 1:1-2:4

*Hymn #54 “For Ever Settled in the Heavens”
DUKE STREET

Choral Anthem

*Be not far off, for grief is near, and none to help is found;
For bulls of Bashan in their strength now circle me around.
Their lion-jaws they open wide, and roar to tear their prey.
My heart is wax, my bones unknit, my life is poured away.*

*My strength is only broken clay; my mouth and tongue are dry,
For in the very dust of death you there make me to lie.
For see how dogs encircle me! On every side there stands
A brotherhood of cruelty; they pierce my feet and hands.*

*My bones are plain for me to count; men see me and they stare.
My clothes among them they divide, and gamble for their share.
Now hurry, O my Strength, to help! Do not be far, O LORD!
But snatch my soul from raging dogs, and spare me from the sword.*

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #220 “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”
LIEBSTER JESU

Sermon

“God Has Spoken”

The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, and obeyed, depends not upon the testimony of any man, or Church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.

We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture. And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it does abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter I “Of the Holy Scriptures,” Sections 4-5

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

*Hymn #582 “The Solid Rock”
ST. PETERSBURG

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #476 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”
STRAF MICH NICHT

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:1-19

Announcements

Offertory

*Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in His mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.*

*Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause, or blush to speak His Name?*

*Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?*

*Stand then in His great might, with all His strength endued,
But take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God;
That, having all things done, and all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone and stand entire at last.*

*Psalter Hymn #138A Psalm 138:1-8
HURSLEY

Sermon

“Continuing in the Faith”

They, whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and, for a time, continue therein: whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve his Holy Spirit, come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XVII “Of the Perseverance of the Saints,” Sections 1-3

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing