

APRIL 15, 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 #269 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-39

*Hymn #70 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
PRAISE, MY SOUL

Choral Anthem

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all mercies thy crown;
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning, set out hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave:*

*Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalter Hymn #84B Psalm 84:7-12
MELITA

Sermon “Hope for the Upright”

There is but one only, living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal, most just, and terrible in his judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest, his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent, or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter II
“Of God, and of the Holy Trinity,” Sections 1-2

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

*Psalter Hymn #27D Psalm 27:1-4
BEVAN

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #496 “Go, Labor On”
PENTECOST

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 11:1-33

Announcements

Offertory

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.*

*Supplement Hymn #30 “He Who Would Valiant Be”
ST. DUNSTAN'S

Sermon “Afflicted for the Church”

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Although, in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first Cause, all things come to pass immutably, and infallibly; yet, by the same providence, he ordereth them to fall out, according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

God, in his ordinary providence, maketh use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them, at his pleasure.

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; and that not by a bare permission, but such as hath joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding, and otherwise ordering, and governing of them, in a manifold dispensation, to his own holy ends; 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.

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; 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.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter V
“Of Providence,” Sections 1-5

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —