

OCTOBER 25, 2020

## THE LORD'S DAY

10:55 AM Morning Service

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

**\*Hymn #133** "O For a Thousand Tongues"  
AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:14-39

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn #224** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"  
AURELIA

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever—That Name to us is Love.

**Sermon** "The Necessity of Jesus' Preaching"

The reading of the Scriptures, preaching, and hearing the Word of God, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord; as also the administration of baptism, and the Lord's supper, are all parts of religious worship of God, to be performed in obedience to him, with understanding, faith, reverence, and godly fear; moreover, solemn humiliation, with fastings, and thanksgivings, upon special occasions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner.

*London Baptist Confession of 1689, Chapter XXII*  
"Of Religious Worship & the Sabbath Day," Section 5

**\*Benediction**

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

**\*Hymn #550** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"  
LINDEMAN

Jesus, priceless treasure, fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me: Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish, yearning, Lord, for thee?  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb! I will suffer naught to hide thee,  
Naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me; foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Hence with earthly treasure! Thou art all my pleasure,  
Jesus, all my choice. Hence, thou empty glory!

Naught to me thy story, told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my Saviour move me,  
Since he deigns to love me.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather, still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure.

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading** I John 1:1-2:2

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**\*Hymn #549** "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"  
QUEBEC

Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

We taste thee, O thou living Bread, and long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the Fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

**Sermon** "Your Joy May Be Full"

Question 49: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?  
Answer: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

*Heidelberg Catechism*  
Question 49

**\*Benediction**

— POSTLUDE —

\*congregation standing