

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 AM Morning Service

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn #400

NETTLETON

“Come Thou Fount”

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:1-14

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #286

KREMSER

“We Gather Together”

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to his Name;
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning
the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side:
all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee,
thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still
our Defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

Sermon

“Cleansed to Glorify God”

The light of nature shews that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is just, good and doth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart and all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.

Religious worship is to be given to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to him alone; not to angels, saints, or any other creatures; and since the fall, not without a mediator, nor in the mediation of any other but Christ alone.

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

Prayer is to be made for things lawful, and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death.

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 and the Sabbath Day,” Sections 1-5

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing