

MARCH 19, 2023

## THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer  
11:00 AM **Morning Service**

— PRELUDE —

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

**\*Hymn #192 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**  
O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

### \*Prayer of Invocation

**Offertory “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding-place:  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

**Scripture Reading John 8:1-11**

**Choral Anthem “My Song Is Love Unknown”**

My song is love unknown my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify" is all their breath,  
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight.  
What injuries! Yet these are why  
The Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores.  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours!  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

Receiving New Members

### Pastoral Prayer

**\*Psalter Hymn #51E Psalm 51:9-15**  
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**Sermon “No Condemnation”**

Question 70: What is justification?  
Answer: Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which he pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in his sight; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

Question 71: How is justification an act of God's free grace?  
Answer: Although Christ, by his obedience and death, did make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice in the behalf of them that are justified; yet in as much as God accepteth the satisfaction from a surety, which he might have demanded of them, and did provide this surety, his own only Son; imputing his righteousness to them, and requiring nothing of them for their justification but faith, which also is his gift, their justification is to them of free grace.

Question 72: What is justifying faith?  
Answer: Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Question 73: How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?  
Answer: Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applieth Christ and his righteousness.

### *Westminster Larger Catechism* Questions 70-73

### \*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

**\*Psalter Hymn #24C Psalm 24**  
GREYFRIARS

### \*Prayer of Invocation

**Scripture Reading John 16:1-33**

### Announcements

**Offertory “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key,  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

**\*Supplement Hymn #16 “Give to the Wind Thy Fears”**  
FESTAL SONG

**Sermon “Peace in the Midst of Trouble”**

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word; by which also, and by the administration of baptism and the Lord's supper, prayer, and other means appointed of God, it is increased and strengthened.

By this faith a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word for the authority of God himself, and also apprehendeth an excellency therein above all other writings and all things in the world, as it bears forth the glory of God in his attributes, the excellency of Christ in his nature and offices, and the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit in his workings and operations: and so is enabled to cast his soul upon the truth thus believed; and also acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come; but the principal acts of saving faith have immediate relation to Christ, accepting, receiving, and resting upon him alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

This faith, although it be different in degrees, and may be weak or strong, yet it is in the least degree of it different in the kind or nature of it, as is all other saving grace, from the faith and common grace of temporary believers; and therefore, though it may be many times assailed and weakened, yet it gets the victory, growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

### *London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689*, Chapter XIV “Of Saving Faith,” Sections 1-3

### \*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

\*congregation standing