

MARCH 17, 2024

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 #463 “From Out of the Depths I Cry”
SANDON

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Scripture Reading Mark 12:1-12

Choral Anthem Psalm 22

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 #423 “Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”
DALEHURST

Sermon “Tearing Up the Roof”

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 the sacraments, and prayer, 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 speaking therein; and 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 are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but 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.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XIV
“Of Saving Faith,” Sections 1-3

Benediction

— POSTLUDE—

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

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

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading II John

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Offertory “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

The Lord is my Shepherd, no want shall I know;
I feed in green pastures, safe-folded I rest;
He leadeth my soul where the still waters flow;
Restores me when wandering, redeems when oppressed.

*Hymn #520 “Sometimes a Light Surprises”
BENTLEY

Sermon “Truth in Love without Compromise”

We believe that those Holy Scriptures fully contain the will of God, and that whatsoever man ought to believe, unto salvation, is sufficiently taught therein. For, since the whole manner of worship, which God requires of us, is written in them at large, it is unlawful for any one, though an apostle, to teach otherwise than we are now taught in the Holy Scriptures: nay, though it were an angel from heaven, as the apostle Paul saith. For, since it is forbidden, to add unto or take away anything from the word of God, it doth thereby evidently appear, that the doctrine thereof is most perfect and complete in all respects. Neither do we consider of equal value any writing of men, however holy these men may have been, with those divine Scriptures, nor ought we to consider custom, or the great multitude, or antiquity, or succession of times and persons, or councils, decrees or statutes, as of equal value with the truth of God, for the truth is above all; for all men are of themselves liars, and more vain than vanity itself. Therefore, we reject with all our hearts, whatsoever doth not agree with this infallible rule, which the apostles have taught us, saying, Try the spirits whether they are of God. Likewise, if there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house.

Belgic Confession, Article 7
“The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures”

Benediction

— POSTLUDE—

*congregation standing