

APRIL 21, 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 #432 **“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”**
HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

All creatures of our God and King lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 1:1-14**

Choral Anthem **Psalm 32**

How blest is he whose trespass hath freely been forgiv'n.
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
To whom the LORD in mercy imputeth not his sin,
Who hath a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief;
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from Thee;
When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.

So let the godly see Thee in times when Thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them nor cause their hearts to fear.
In Thee, O LORD, I hide me; Thou savest me from ill,
And songs of Thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #99 **“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”**
LLANGISTTOLUS

Sermon **“The Golden Chain”**

God hath decreed in himself, from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably, all things, whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established; in which appears his wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness in accomplishing his decree.

Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass, upon all supposed conditions, yet hath he not decreed anything, because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit, of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided: the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son; all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being, but distinguished by several peculiar relative properties and personal relations; which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on him.

These angels and men thus predestined and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number so certain and definite, that it cannot be either increased or diminished.

Those of mankind that are predestined to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.

As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so He hath, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto; wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ, by His Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by His power through faith unto salvation; neither are any other redeemed by Christ, or effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.

The doctrine of the high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation, be assured of their eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter III
“Of God's Decree,” Sections 1-7

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

*Hymn #20 **“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”**
WARRINGTON

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading **Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33**

Announcements

Offertory **“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”**

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps His court below;
Praise the holy God of love and all His greatness show;
Praise Him for His noble deeds; praise Him for His matchless power;
Him from whom all good proceeds let earth and Heaven adore.

Publish, spread to all around the great Jehovah's name,
Let the trumpet's martial sound the Lord of hosts proclaim:
Praise Him in the sacred dance, harmony's full concert raise,
Let the virgin choir advance, and move but to His praise.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in Heaven on earth adored;
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

*Supplement Hymn #35 **“My Song Is Love Unknown”**
LOVE UNKNOWN

Sermon **“The Evil Report”**

They who upon pretence of Christian liberty do practice any sin, or cherish any sinful lust, as they do thereby pervert the main design of the grace of the gospel to their own destruction, so they wholly destroy the end of Christian liberty, which is, that being delivered out of the hands of all our enemies, we might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our lives.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XXI
“Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience,” Section 3

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing