

MAY 18, 2025

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 #188 “There Is a Fountain”
FOUNTAIN

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “Hiding in Thee”

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly;
So sinful, so weary, thine, thine would I be;
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

*Hiding in thee, hiding in thee —
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.*

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,
In times when temptation casts o'er me its power,
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17

Choral Anthem “Psalm of Assurance”

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, unafraid.
For my help from the Lord, who made heaven and earth,
Shall not falter, nor shall it fade.

He will not suffer my foot to be moved, but keep me safe from all harm.
His watchful eye shall guard me through the darkest night,
Keeping me, protecting me 'til morning's first light.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, unafraid.
For my help from the Lord, who made heaven and earth,
Shall not falter, nor shall it fail.

The Lord will shield me from evil intent, for at my side He shall be.
His boundless love flows freely and abundantly,
Blessing me, enfolding me, now and evermore.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #430 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”
AURELIA

Sermon “Once Washed, Continually Cleansed”

Those whom God effectually calleth, he also freely justifieth, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ’s sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their right- eousness; but by imputing Christ’s active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in his death for their whole and sole righteousness by faith, which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God.

Faith thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification; yet it is not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but wor- keth by love.

Christ, by his obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are justified; and did, by the sacrifice of himself in the blood of his cross, undergoing in their stead the penalty due unto them, make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God’s justice in their behalf; yet, inasmuch as he was given by the Father for them, and his obedience and satisfaction accept- ed in their stead, and both freely, not for anything in them, their justification is only of free grace, that both the exact justice and rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.

God did from all eternity decree to justify all the elect, and Christ did in the fullness of time die for their sins, and rise again for their justification; never- theless, they are not justified personally, until the Holy Spirit doth in time due actually apply Christ unto them.

God doth continue to forgive the sins of those that are justified, and alt- hough they can never fall from the state of justification, yet they may, by their sins, fall under God’s fatherly displeasure; and in that condition they have not usually the light of his countenance restored unto them, until they humble themselves, confess their sins, beg pardon, and renew their faith and repentance.

The justification of believers under the Old Testament was, in all these re- spects, one and the same with the justification of believers under the New Testament.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XI
“Of Justification,” Sections 1-6

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

*Supplement Hymn #13 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
MADRID

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #538 “Savior, Thy Dying Love”
SOMETHING FOR JESUS

Scripture Reading I Timothy 3:1-16

Announcements

Offertory “Abide with Me”

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

*Hymn #492 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”
ST. BEES

Sermon “Serving Like Christ”

All saints that are united to Jesus Christ, their head, by his Spirit, and faith, although they are not made thereby one person with him, have fellowship in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory; and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each others gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, in an or- derly way, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and out- ward man.

Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and commun- ion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things according to their several abilities, and necessities; which communion, according to the rule of the gospel, though especially to be exercised by them, in the relation wherein they stand, whether in families, or churches, yet, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended to all the household of faith, even all those who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus; nevertheless their communion one with another as saints, doth not take away or infringe the title or propriety which each man hath in his goods and possessions.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XXVII
“Of the Communion of the Saints,” Sections 1-2

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing