

The Lord's Service

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 20, 2019

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

My Heart Is Filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take.
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.
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Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the gracious God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 25.1

LEADER: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you;

PEOPLE: **I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

*Hymn

No. 660

O God beyond All Praising

*Invocation

Elder Ken Henry

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Nehemiah 9.1-3

LEADER: Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads.

PEOPLE: **And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.**

LEADER: And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day;

PEOPLE: **For another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God.**

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Most merciful Father;

we acknowledge and confess before You our many sins.

We have transgressed Your holy laws;

we have neglected Your Word and ordinances;

we have walked in our own ways

and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.

By our neglect and selfishness we have injured others,

hurt our own souls, and grieved Your Holy Spirit.

Most gracious God,

who pardons and forgives all that repent

and believe Your Gospel; show Your mercy upon us,

and for the sake of Your beloved Son,

our only Mediator, forgive us our offenses.

Increase in us the grace of repentance,

that we may not only confess our sins,

but forsake them with our whole heart,

and bring forth the fruits of holiness and righteousness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3.22-25

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in Him.’ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder Mark Wilson

Psalm 51.1-19 (p. 474)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

I Will Arise

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

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.

I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

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*Doxology

No. 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.

Oh the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul.

His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, Who loved and knew me long before the world began.

Sent my Saviour down from heaven; perfect God and perfect Man.

God of grace I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.

Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure.

All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.

God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see Your face,

And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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Scripture Lesson

Romans 3.1-8 (p. 940)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

LAW AND SIN

*Hymn

No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 134-136

LEADER: Which is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill."

LEADER: What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?

The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defense thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep,

labor, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behavior; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiring good for evil; comforting and succoring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.

LEADER: What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?

The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defense; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarreling, striking, wounding, and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude