

October 8, 2017

† *Please Stand*

Welcome & Announcements

Votum & Salutation

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

† **Call To Worship: Jude 1:24-25**

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Hymns of Praise

† **Gloria Patri** (unaccompanied)

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

† **Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

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You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2 times

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Reading: Psalms 28:6-9

"Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever."

†Hymn of Response: Shepherd of Tender Youth

Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant King,
We come Thy name to sing; Hither our children bring
To shout Thy praise.

Thou art our holy Lord, The all subduing Word,
Healer of strife. Thou didst Thyself abase
That from sin's deep disgrace Thou mightest save our race
And give us life.

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Thou art the great High Priest; Thou hast prepared the feast
Of heav'nly love; While in our mortal pain,
None calls on Thee in vain; Help Thou dost not disdain,
Help from above.

Ever be Thou our guide, our shepherd and our pride,
Our staff and song; Jesus, Thou Christ of God,
By Thy perennial Word, lead us where Thou hast trod,
Make our faith strong.

So now and till we die, sound we Thy praises high
And joyful sing; infants and the glad throng
Who to Thy church belong, unite to swell the song
To Christ, our King.

†**Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Reading of the Law: The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17

"... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Worship God By Giving

Tithes & Offering

*Children 4 and younger are dismissed to nursery

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of Scripture: Various Texts

Sermon: What is Baptism?

†**Closing Hymn: The Doxology (unaccompanied)**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

†**Benediction**

SCRIPTURE

Various Texts

- I. Baptism, what?**
 - A. Emblematic of Entry & A Badge of Belonging**

 - B. Points to & Validates the Gospel**

 - C. Signifies & Seals Redemption Promised, Accomplished, & Applied**

 - D. Testifies to Regeneration & Remission of Sin**

 - E. Calls Us to Live for God.**

- II. Baptism, how?**
 - A. The Element**

 - B. The Mode**

 - C. The Number (only once)**

III. Baptism, who?

A. Believers? Yes.

B. Believer's Households? Yes.

C. Infants of Believing Parents? Yes.

IV. Baptism why?