

August 20, 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: Isaiah 55:1-3

"“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”"

† Prayer of Adoration

† Opening Hymn: Psalm 135 - Come & Praise

Come and praise the Lord oh people
Come and praise the name of the Lord
Give Him praise oh you His servants
Gathered by His word.
Praise the Lord for all His goodness
Sing His name for all it's joy
For the Lord has called His chosen
A nation for his own.

For I know our Lord is greater
Far above all other gods
On the earth and in the heavens
All He loves and wills He does.
He is sovereign o'er creation
He sends lightning with the rain
He is ruler o'er all nations
The King above all kings.

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He has struck down all the captors
He has conquered mighty kings
By the blood of His own firstborn
He has set the captives free.
He has called us to the kingdom
He has made us heirs with Christ
And His name endures forever
His people justified.

Now as people of the promise
Flee from idols made of men
Be not formed into their likeness
Put not your trust in them
Bless the Lord oh House of Jacob
Bless the Lord oh you His Saints
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† **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: A Disciple's Renewal - A prayer from the Valley of Vision Prayerbook.

O MY SAVIOUR,

Help me.

I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb;

I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;

I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.

I am blind while light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust the evil heart of unbelief.

Make it my chiefest joy to study thee, meditate on thee, gaze on thee, sit like Mary at thy feet, lean like John on thy breast, appeal like Peter to thy love, count like Paul all things rubbish.

Give me increase and progress in grace so that there may be more decision in my character, more vigor in my purposes, more elevation in my life, more fervor in my devotion, more constancy in my zeal.

As I have a position in the world, keep me from making the world my position;

May I never seek in the creature what can be found only in the Creator;

Let not faith cease from seeking thee until it vanishes into sight.

Ride forth in me, thou King of kings and Lord of lords, that I may live victoriously, and in victory attain my end.

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Hymns of Response

†How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake!"

†I Will Serve Thee Because I Love Thee

I will serve thee because I love thee
You have given life to me
I was nothing before you found me
You have given life to me

(CHORUS)

Heartaches broken pieces
Ruined lives are why you died on Calvary
Your touch was what I longed for
You have given life to me

I will serve thee for you first loved me
From the curse you've set me free
I had nothing that I could give thee
But my sin and misery

(CHORUS)

In Your grace You have justified me
and have given liberty
Now in Christ, You count me worthy
A child of God You've made me be

(CHORUS)

Worship God By Giving

Tithes & Offering

*Children 4 and younger are dismissed to nursery

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of Scripture: Galatians 4:12-20

Sermon: “A Window into Christian Relationships”

Closing Hymns (unaccompanied)

#426 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Benediction