

September 10, 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: Psalms 136:1

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

†Prayer of Adoration

†Opening Hymn: Psalm 136 - His Love Endures Forever

Who alone does wondrous works His love endures forever

Who formed the heavens, made the earth; His love endures forever.

Who by His wisdom made great lights Sun for the day, the moon at night

Who filled the world with goodness and life; His love endures forever

Who struck the first of Egypt's sons His love endures forever

Passed o'er the doors painted with blood; His love endures forever.

Who split the mighty sea in two til all His people passed right through

But Pharaoh's host He overthrew; His love endures forever

Chorus:

Give thanks to our God to the Lord of Lords

He is faithful, He is good; And His love endures...

Who led them through the wilderness; His love endures forever

Who dwelled with them and kept them fed; His love endures forever

Who conquered kings by Joshua's hand their enemies they could not stand

Who led them into the Promised Land; His love endures forever

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Chorus

**Give thanks to our God to the Lord of Lords
He is faithful, He is good; And His love endures...**

O God of heaven, king of kings; We lift our voices now and sing
Of your love, your steadfast love

Though dark the storm, this anchor holds
it carries us 'til we are home; Your love, your steadfast love

It will not fail, it knows no end so we will sing, again and again
Of your love, your steadfast love

And when we reach the golden shore this is our anthem, forevermore
Your love, your steadfast love

Chorus (2 times)

**Give thanks to our God to the Lord of Lords
He is faithful, He is good; And His love endures...**

†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

(adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther)

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Hymns of Response

†When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

† **Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Refrain

***In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.***

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

Refrain

***In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.***

Worship God By Giving

Tithes & Offering

***Children 4 and younger are dismissed to nursery**

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of Scripture: Galatians 5:13-15

Sermon "What Christian Liberty Isn't"

†Closing Hymn: The Doxology (unaccompanied)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

†Benediction