

Worship Service Outline

May 17, 2020

Meditation

"We direly need to leave our lusting for ever-larger spheres of Christian service and concentrate on seeing God for ourselves and finding the deep answer for life in Him. Then, even if we are located in the most obscure corner of the globe, the world will make a road to our door to get that answer. Our service of help to our fellows then becomes incidental to our vision of God and, ideally, the direct consequence of it."

– *Roy and Revel Hession, We Would See Jesus*

Call to Worship

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress. For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight. Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor. By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. Selah We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever." – *Psalms 48:1-14*

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
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And crown him Lord of all!

O, that with all the sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.
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Prayer of Praise

Profession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 38, 39, and 40

Why was it that required that the Mediator between God and man should be God and man in one person?

It was required that the Mediator should be God, but he might sustain and keep human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

It was required that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

It was required that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart;
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh I need You!
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You!

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” – *Psalms 103:11-13*

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder;
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood (3x);
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood (3x);
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down,
For the Lord, our strong salvation,

Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder – grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us;
Now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!

Greeting and Announcements

- Please engage with communication this week re: next Sunday's services and the Lord's Supper as well.
- Zoom Wednesday includes morning, mid-day, and evening opportunities to ask ?s and learn more!
- Zoom Prayer Gathering Wednesday at noon.
- Give online at southwood.org/give or the Southwood App.

“Passover Us”

Well, we all remember Moses on the banks of the river.
He said, “Pharaoh, You've got to let my people go.
You don't want me to have to tell you this ten times
over.
Denial ain't just a river you know.”

And we all remember Pharaoh, he just wouldn't do it,
So the plagues, they came upon Egypt one by one.
His heart was hard and the other nine just couldn't
move it,
So the last was the worst, the death of the firstborn son.

But the Lord He gave to Moses a word for the people;
He said their firstborn sons would live to see another
day;

“Put the blood of a lamb on the doorway and death will
pass right over.”
That night all of the children of Israel prayed,

Chorus: “Lord, let Your judgment passover us.
Lord, let Your love hover near.
Don't let Your sweet mercy passover us;
Let this blood cover over us here.”

So the years went by, and the people they whined and
they wandered.
And only sacrifice atoned for the sins of the land.
So you see the priest, he placed upon the holy altar
The body of a spotless lamb.
And he prayed,
Chorus

Preaching of the Word

Joshua 5:1-12

“Sacramental Remembrance, Sacramental Living”

“All for Jesus”

All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed powers:
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust,

Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
Only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! How amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved,
Lets me rest beneath His wings.

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

Sermon Outline

God gives his people covenant signs to remind them that relationship with Him is more important than great deeds for Him.

1. Circumcision => Baptism

- Looking Back

- Living Forward

2. Passover => Lord's Supper

- Looking Back

- Living Forward

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. What's something you learn about circumcision or Passover that impacts your appreciation of baptism or the Lord's Supper?
2. How does the warning of the generation who didn't enter the Promised Land due to unbelief and disobedience challenge your heart and the priorities of your life?
3. What is one way God calls you to follow Him that is counter-cultural for the world's priorities?
4. What do you typically think about when you witness a baptism or participate in the Lord's Supper? Does it impact your life beyond that time? How can you help connect those dots?
5. How has this season slowed you down? What are you paying more attention to while slowed down?
6. What is something God has done in your life that ought to impact the way you live looking forward?

Prayer Guide 5/17/20

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, lost, littlest, lonely, and left-out.

Pray that we would love generously those whose lives have been disrupted by recent events.

Ask for boldness to share the hope of Jesus with an increasingly hopeless world around us.

Pray for hearts of love toward those who disagree with us, both within and beyond our church family.

Mission Partner

Derek and Laura Dougherty - Cusco, Peru

The Doughertys' ministry in Peru focuses on leadership training and discipleship; however, they are currently in the US due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Pray for the people of Cusco who have been under a much stricter, military imposed lockdown, and most have been unable to work, so many are struggling to put food on the table or pay rent.

Pray for us as we seek to shepherd our congregation in Peru via phone calls, text messages, and videos while we are stuck in the States.

Pray for us to be able to use this unexpected time in the US to connect with supporters, encourage the US church, and raise the financial support that we are lacking.

Specific Needs

Pray for God's protection on us and our community as we resume in-person worship gatherings and other aspects of life that have been disrupted in this season.

Praise God for our graduates and all our students finishing up this school year, and pray for his continued guidance and protection of them as they move forward to what's next.

Pray for our deacons as they meet next week and continue to lead us in loving each other and our neighbors during this season.

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