

Sermon Text: Matthew 23:1–12 (ESV)

1Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,
2“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, 3so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.
4They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.
5They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.
8But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. 9And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.
10Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.
11The greatest among you shall be your servant.
12Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

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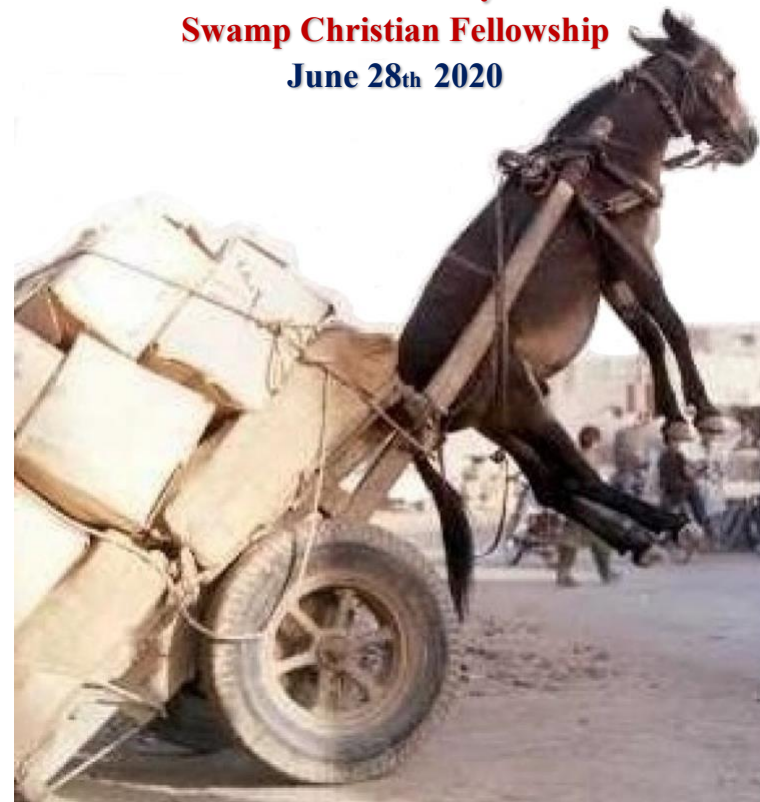
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The Pharisees’ message was: “I’m right with God and you’re not!” This is why they delighted to place legalistic burdens on people’s backs, and why their converts were “twice as much a child of hell” as they were (Matt. 23:15). If we will yearn for sinners to find the same mercy we have found in Christ, this will guard us from hypocritical pretensions. While recognizing a proper discretion against needlessly airing our dirty laundry, we will yet be glad for people to know we are sinners so that they too can discover our Savior.

-Richard D. Phillips

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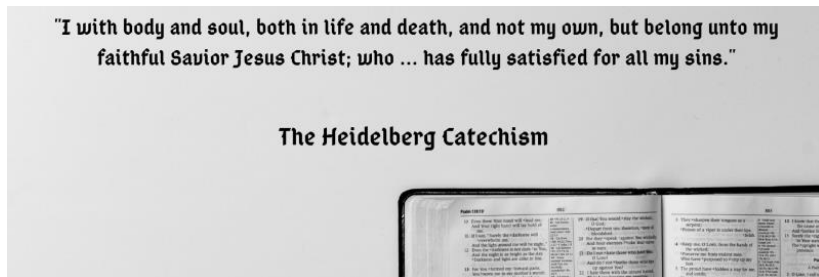
PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 3:8

Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!

*Hymn #51 – How Great Thou Art

*INVOCATION



STATEMENT OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG WEEK #26

69. How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly His blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.

70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in His sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with His Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.

71. Where has Christ promised that He will wash us with His blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

In the institution of baptism, where He says: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration & the washing away of sins.

Hymn #317 – Crown Him With Many Crowns

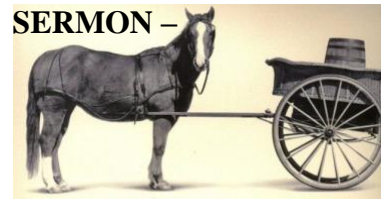
PASTORAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER

The LORD'S PRAYER

While there will be no offering during worship, you may give tithes & offerings in the back of the church or online at ogrc.org

Hymn #366 – And Can It Be

SERMON –



Different Beasts of the Burden
Matthew 23:1-12

[The reading is on the back page]

OUR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

OUR CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

O God, we profess a faith that we do not always live.

We hope for a future that we cannot always see.

We express love, but we attach limits and conditions.

Move us toward a full acceptance of your gifts—

faith, hope, and love.

Give us hearts to know you.

Give us eyes to see you.

Give us hands to serve you.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

OUR ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Col. 3:12–13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

RESPONSE TO HIS PARDON - Hymn #270 – “O How He Loves You and me”

HYMN #422 – Amazing Grace

BENEDICTION (A final good word from God)

CLOSING RESPONSE – HYMN #717 – Go Now in Peace - v1

Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart. Your gifts to us no words can toll: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

POSTLUDE