

# LORD'S DAY CORPORATE WORSHIP

July 5, 2020

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. —Psalm 29:2

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

#### ▶ CALL TO WORSHIP

JOEL 2:12-13

"Now, therefore," says the Lord,  
"Turn to Me with all your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

So rend your heart, and not your garments;

Return to the Lord your God,

For He is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger, and of great kindness;

And He relents from doing harm.

#### ▶ INVOCATION

#### ▶ HYMN OF PRAISE      Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned      496

Kind and merciful God, we have sinned in your sight,

We have all wandered far from your way;

We have followed desire, we have failed to aspire

To the virtue we ought to display.

Kind and merciful God, we've neglected your Word

And the truth that would guide us aright;

We have lived in the shade of the dark we have made,

When you willed us to walk in the light.

Kind and merciful God, we have broken your laws

And in conduct have veered from the norm;

We have dreamed of the good, but the good that we could

We have frequently failed to perform.

Kind and merciful God, in Christ's death on the cross  
You provided a cleansing from sin;  
Speak the words that forgive that henceforth we may live  
By the might of your Spirit within.

Kind and merciful God, bid us lift up our heads  
And command us to rise from our knees;  
May our hearts now be changed and no longer estranged,  
Through the pow'r of your pardon and peace.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glorious and Holy Father,  
sin against your divine majesty has filled my whole life.  
My offenses have been countless and aggravated.

Conscience has rebuked me,  
Friends have admonished me,  
The examples of others have reproached me,  
Your rod has chastised me,  
Your kindness has allured me.

You have seen and abhorred all my sins  
and could have easily and justly condemned me,  
yet you have spared me, been gracious to me,  
given your help and invited me to your table.

Lord, I believe that the redemption that comes  
through Jesus, your Son, is fully sufficient to cover my sins.

I apply to him for His benefits  
I give up my mind to His instructions  
I trust and glory in His sacrifice,  
I revere and love His authority,  
I pray that His grace may reign in my life.

At the cross that relieves my conscience,  
let me learn lessons of self-denial, forgiveness, and submission.

Let me feel motives that bring me to obedience  
and find resources for living a godly life.

Let me adorn my profession, affirming the gospel in all my life.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, for I come to you  
through the blood of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 103:8-14

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
    Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.  
He will not always strive with us,  
    Nor will He keep His anger forever.  
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
    Nor punished us according to our iniquities.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
    So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;  
As far as the east is from the west,  
    So far has He removed our transgressions from us.  
As a father pities his children,  
    So the Lord pities those who fear Him.  
For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

### ▶ HYMN OF ASSURANCE    How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds    647

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.  
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.  
Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace;  
Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.  
Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.  
Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ HYMN Blessed Jesus, At Your Word 303

Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;  
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you,  
 By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
 Till your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.  
 You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of light, from God proceeding;  
 Open now our ears and heart, help us by your Spirit's pleading;  
 Hear the cry your people raises, hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration!  
 Grant that we your Word may trust and obtain true consolation,  
 While we here below must wander, till we sing your praises yonder.

## SCRIPTURE

PSALM 38:1-21

## SERMON

"PITY PARTY?"

▶ HYMN My Sins, My Sins, My Savior

My sins, my sins, my Savior! They take such hold on me,  
 I am not able to look up, save only, Christ, to thee;  
 In thee is all forgiveness, in thee abundant grace,  
 My shadow and my sunshine the brightness of thy face.

My sins, my sins my Savior! Their guilt I never knew  
 Till with thee in the desert I near thy passion drew;  
 Till with thee in the garden I heard thy pleading pray'r,  
 And saw the sweat drops bloody that told thy sorrow there.

Therefore my songs, my Savior, e'en in this time of woe,  
Shall tell of all thy goodness to suff'ring man below;  
Thy goodness and thy favor, whose presence from above  
Rejoice those hearts, my Savior, that live in thee and love.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

▶ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**                      At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing                      420

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light:  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

▶ **BENEDICTION**

## Psalm 38

A psalm of David's; To bring to remembrance.

1. Yahweh,  
Do not, in your exasperation, discipline me,  
Nor, in your rage, chasten me.
2. For your arrows are dropped down onto me,  
And your hand comes down on me.
3. There is no soundness in my flesh,  
On account of your indignation;  
There is no peace in my bones on account of my sin.
4. Because my iniquities have reached over my head,  
Like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
5. My wounds stink with decay on account of my folly.
6. I am bent right down exceedingly.  
I have walked around, mourning, all the day,
7. For my muscles are full of inflammation  
And there is no wholeness in my flesh.
8. I am numbed and crushed exceedingly;  
I have roared because of the groaning of my heart.
9. Sovereign One,  
In front of you is all my desire,  
And from you my moaning has not been hidden.
10. My heart palpitates;  
My strength has left me;  
And the light of my eyes –  
They too are not with me.
11. Those who love me, and my friends stand away from my plague,  
And my nearest relatives stand at a distance.
12. And those who are seeking my life set snares,  
And those who are seeking my evil speak of destruction,  
And they muse about deceitful things all the day.

13. And as for me,  
Like a deaf man I do not hear,  
And like a dumb person who does not open his mouth.
14. And I have become like a man who is not hearing,  
And in whose mouth there are no rebukes.
15. Because in you, Yahweh, I have set my hope.  
You yourself will answer,  
O Sovereign One, my God.
16. Because I said –  
Lest they rejoice over me,  
Act grandly against me when my foot slips!
17. For I am ready to trip up,  
And my pain is before me continually.
18. For I will declare my iniquity;  
I am anxious about my sin.
19. And my enemies are alive!  
They are mighty!  
And those who hate me on false grounds are many.
20. And those who are paying me back evil for good  
Are my opponents,  
In return for my pursuit of good.
21. Do not leave me, Yahweh!  
My God, do not be distant from me!  
Oh, hurry to my help!  
O Sovereign One, my salvation!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ❖ Friday @ 7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting for planning  
Christian Education for the coming year
- ❖ Next Sunday @ 3:00 p.m. – Oral examination of Jeremy Roth  
for the office of Ruling Elder

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Worship: 10:50