

LORD'S DAY CORPORATE WORSHIP

September 27, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

- ▶ **CALL TO WORSHIP** **PSALM 107:1-3**

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

And gathered out of the lands,

From the east and from the west,

From the north and from the south.

- ▶ **GLORIA PATRI** **735**

- ▶ **INVOCATION**

- ▶ **HYMN OF PRAISE** **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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed our own thoughts and desires

rather than your holy law.

We have not loved our fellow man as ourselves

in our thoughts, words, or deeds.

We have left undone the things we should have done

and have done that which we should not have done.

There is no righteousness in us, apart from your grace.

You, Oh Lord, are merciful; be merciful to us.

Forgive our sins and restore us in heart and mind and soul.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN 10:11-15

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd,

one who does not own the sheep,

sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees;

and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

The hireling flees because he is a hireling

and does not care about the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father;

and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
 Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

**God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
 He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
 When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
 Trust him and you will be satisfied, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
 Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

WCF 25.1-3, 6

The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible,
 consists of the whole number of the elect,
 that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one,
 under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse,
 the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

The visible Church,

which is also catholic or universal under the Gospel
 (not confined to one nation, as before under the law),
 consists of all those throughout the world
 that profess the true religion; and of their children:
 and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 the house and family of God,

Unto this catholic visible Church

Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God,
 for the gathering and perfecting of the saints in this life,
 to the end of the world:
 and doth, by His own presence and Spirit,
 according to His promise, make them effectual thereunto.

There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

▶ DOXOLOGY

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PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ HYMN

Ps. 23 - The Lord's My Shepherd

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The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

SCRIPTURE / SERMON

1 TIM. 3:1-7 / "THE OVERSEER OF YOUR SOULS"

▶ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

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Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

**Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

▶ BENEDICTION