



THE LORD'S SERVICE

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Gathering & Hospitality
Welcome & Announcements

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THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE

****Call to Worship***

Psalm 144.3-4; 145.3-4 (ESV)

*O Lord, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him?*

**Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.**

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

***Songs of Praise**

“Come Christians Join To Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman (1843)

Come, Christians, join to sing, alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, alleluia, amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice, alleluia, amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky, alleluia, amen!
He who made all things well, formed us His praise to tell;
Hear now the anthem swell, alleluia, amen!

Oh, sing this salvation song, alleluia, amen!
Christ on the cross has won, alleluia, amen!
Praise we the risen Lord; come run through mercy's door;
Loved, rescued, and restored, alleluia, amen!

Lift high the Savior's name, alleluia, amen!
Til all the earth proclaims, alleluia, amen!
Let now the gospel ring, Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring, alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Mark 8.27-38 (ESV)

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul?

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

"Abide With Me"

Henry Lyte (1847); Chorus: David Fields

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

*Oh Emmanuel, the God who dwells with us
Be my hope, my help eternally
Be my shelter, my fortress and my strength
Lord abide, abide with me.*

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness;
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Chorus

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

Chorus



THE LORD CLEANSSES US

† *Confession of Sin*

O Lord, the great and awesome God,
who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him
and keep his commandments;
Lord, we have done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and rules.
You are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame because
we have sinned against you.

We your people have transgressed your law and turned away,
refusing to obey you.

O Lord, listen!

O Lord, forgive!

O Lord, hear and act!

We do not make requests of you because we are righteous,
but because of your great mercy.

For your sake, O God, do not delay, because we your people bear your Name.

In your mercy, keep covenant with us, and turn our hearts back to you
so that we will love you and keep your commandments.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV)

*Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

**All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

****Prayer of Petition***

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Children's Homily

Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)



THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

****Scripture Reading***

Ecclesiastes 1.3-11

Pastor: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jim Powell

“Nothing New | Around and Around”



THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

Getty, Getty, Kendrick (2014)

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or loss, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers, we fade and die, fame, youth, and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Chorus

Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

Chorus

***We Confess Our Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Q & A 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

Collection of Offerings

Leader: *What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments, how untraceable His paths
Who knows the mind of our God? Who could bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God that God should repay?
For from Him through Him to Him is everything

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever a men*

***Hymn of Response**

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

St. Francis of Assisi (1225)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam, thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin, cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow’r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US

***Benediction**

** all who are able, please stand
† all who are able, please kneel*

What is more vain than this: that the earth, which was made for humans stays – but humans themselves, the lords of the earth [or, the lords of their own particular generation], suddenly dissolve into the dust?

Jerome, early Church father

The Preacher's perspective is this: humans long to come across something in their lives that will break the constant repetitive cycle, something to say or see or hear that will be truly new and therefore significant- but there is nothing. No such thing exists. Whatever we see and hear has already been and gone, covered by the sands of time and simply rolling around again, perhaps in a different guise but fundamentally the same as before.

David Gibson, *Living Life Backward* (2017)

People are like the insatiable sea. Just as water pours into the ocean again and again without ever filling it, so the things of the world pour into human beings via their eyes and ears and back out through their mouths, and yet they never reach the point of complete satisfaction.

David Gibson

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UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY, Sharing the Gospel & Your Testimony, Kike Astorga

JULY 5 & AUG 2, 8AM, 3RD FLOOR | SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: Join us for a 30 minute time of prayer for our families, for Christ's church, as well as for our community and world.

JULY 30 | WETLANDS: Save the date for this end-of-summer gathering! Details coming soon!

SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service

10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship

11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

Adult Classes

Fullbright Community Group: 2nd Floor, 10:10-10:50

Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

Basic Biblical Greek: 3rd Floor, 10:10-10:50

Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

K-5th: Summer Kid's Class, Elaine DeVusser 2nd Floor

Youth Classes

Middle School (6th-8th): On Summer Break

High School (9th-12th): On Summer Break



FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

FRONT ROOM & 2ND FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM: A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

NURSERY: On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK): On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP: If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.

MEN

WEDNESDAYS @ 8AM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Scriptural study for the upcoming sermon on the CCC 2nd floor. Bring your Bible and coffee, and contact Paul Gorman (423-483-8782) if planning to attend for the first time, as the location can change.

WOMEN

TUESDAYS, 3-4:30PM | WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we use Sarah Ivill's book to study Colossian over 8 weeks! Led by Krista Babel. Childcare is provided.

MISSIONS PARTNER: KIKE AND BRITTANY ASTORGA. The Astorga family is here for the summer as they raise support so they can continue their work with Campus Outreach in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to support their ministry please scan the QR & consider connecting them with other Christians in your circles! Kike's email is elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org.



- ³ What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?
- ⁴ A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.
- ⁵ The sun rises, and the sun goes down,
and hastens to the place where it rises.
- ⁶ The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.
- ⁷ All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they flow again.
- ⁸ All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.
- ⁹ What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.
- ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?
It has been already
in the ages before us.
- ¹¹ There is no remembrance of former things,
nor will there be any remembrance
of later things yet to be
among those who come after. (ESV)

**All of life under the sun is vanity and a breath,
but IN IT God gives JOY to those who fear him.**

The QUESTION | 1.3

The SEARCH | 1.4-12.8

Cyclical movement. | No finality. (1.4-7)

Cynical exhaustion. | No denial. (1.8)

Comprehensive application. | No matter what. (1.9-11)