

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on September 10th, 2023

The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Hear Today's Call to Worship From God's Word: [congregation standing]

"Jehovah has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to Jehovah with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before Jehovah, the King."

Psalm 98:2-6

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Adoration: [based on Psalm 145:10]

O worship the King all glorious above,	My soul praise Jehovah, speak good of His name
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	So passing in glory, that great is your fame,
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	Jehovah our great God, how do you appear;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	Majesty and honor, in you shine most clear.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4, Mark 16:19]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

Jesus was received up into heaven,

And sat down at the right hand of God!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Call for Confession From God's Word:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:1-5

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

LORD, Thou Hast Searched Me

Psalm 139:1-12

Tender Thought
Pentatonic American Folk Melody
Harmonized by J. B. Jordan

Slowly

1. LORD, Thou hast searched me and dost know Where - e'er I rest, where - e're I go;
2. My words from Thee I can - not hide; I feel Thy pow - er on every side;
3. Where can I go a - part from Thee, Or whith - er from Thy pres - ence flee?
4. If I the wings of morn - ing take, And far a - way my dwel - ling make,
5. If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, The dark - ness hid - eth not from Thee;

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Thou know - est all that I have planned, And all my ways are in Thy hand.
O wond - rous know - ledge, aw - ful might, Un - fath - omed depth, un - meas - ured height!
In heav - en? It is Thy dwel - ling fair; In death's a - bode? Lo, Thou art there.
The hand that lead - eth me is Thine, And my sup - port Thy power di - vine.
To Thee both night and day are bright, The dark - ness shin - eth as the light.

Silent Confession: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous." Psalm 143:1, 2

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God our heavenly Father. You are completely holy and just in all Your ways. In Your love You have given us every good gift, most of all the Gift of your Son Jesus. Yet we are often unthankful, and fail to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In the same way, we take one another for granted, we become unthankful for the people you have lovingly brought into our lives, and we grumble and dispute, thus failing to love one another as we ought. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Make us a thankful people, now and throughout our lives. We ask this through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." [Ephesians 2:4-7]

As an officer in Christ's Church, ministering in His name, I now proclaim to us the forgiveness of sins, and declare, according to the Scriptures that having truly trusted in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, that our sins are not only forgiven on earth, but also in heaven throughout eternity.

I must also solemnly say to any who are not sincerely sorry for their sins, and who have no desire to live in regard of Jesus Christ, that their sins are held against them in the Holy Judgment of God, and cannot be forgiven them unless they repent and seek forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ. This I declare in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen! **Come, Let us worship the LORD!**

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God. May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

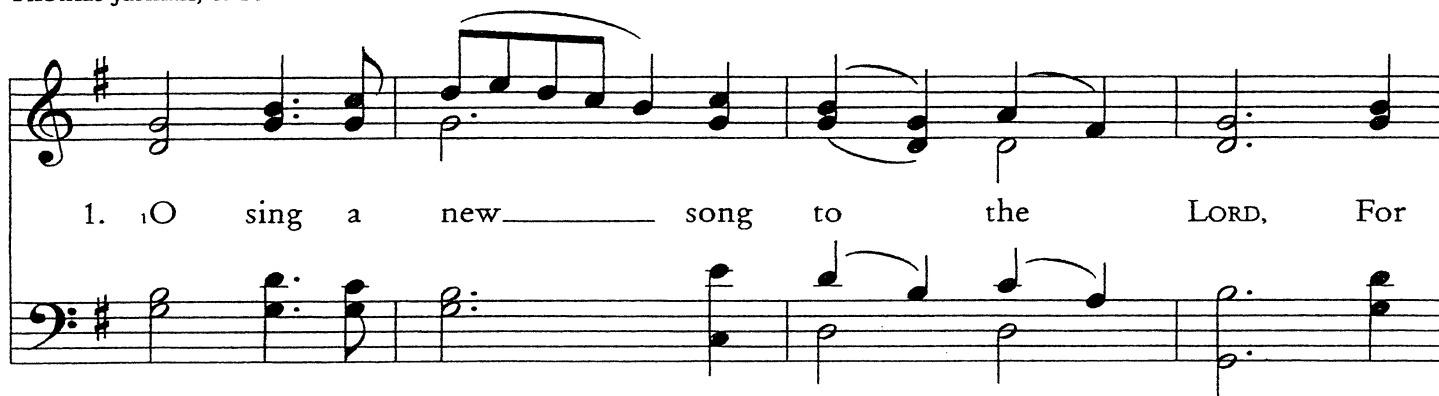
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O Sing a New Song to the LORD

Psalm 98

DESERT (LYNGHAM) (C.M. rep.)
Thomas Jarman, c. 1803

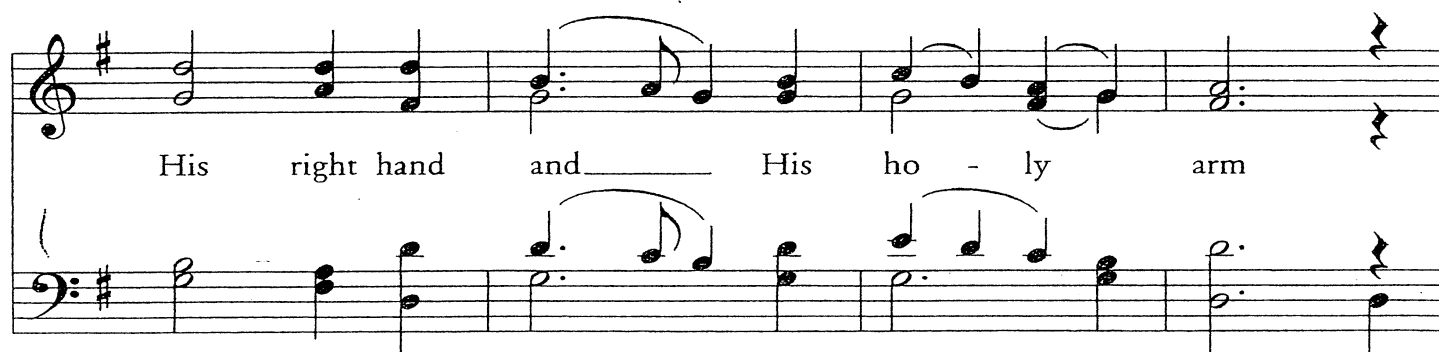
The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973



1. O sing a new song to the LORD, For



won-ders He has done, For won-ders He has done;



His right hand and His ho-ly arm



The vic-tor-y have won, The vic-tor-y have won, The vic-tor-y have won, The vic-tor-y have won, The

won, The vic - - - tor - y have won.
 vic - - - tor - y have won.
 won, The vic - - - tor - y have won.
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| <p>2. The great salvation wrought by Him
 Jehovah has made known.
 His justice in the nations' sight
 He openly has shown.</p> <p>3. He mindful of His grace and truth
 To Isr'el's house has been.
 The great salvation of our God
 All ends of earth have seen.</p> <p>4. O all the earth, sing to the LORD
 And make a joyful sound.
 Lift up your voice aloud to him;
 Sing psalms! Let joy resound!</p> | <p>5. With harp make music to the LORD;
 With harp a psalm O sing!
 With horn and trumpet raise a shout
 Before the LORD, the King.</p> <p>6. Let seas in all their vastness roar,
 The world, its living horde.
 Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
 Their joy before the LORD!</p> <p>7. Because He comes, He surely comes,
 The judge of earth to be!
 With justice He will judge the world,
 All men with equity.</p> |
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Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork...The law of Jehovah is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of Jehovah are true and righteous altogether." Psalm 19:1, 7-9

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

JOHN 10:1-30

Jesus the True and Good Shepherd

2 pages

[10:1] "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. “All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. “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.

“And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, “He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?”

Others said, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him,

“How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

“But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. “My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. “I and My Father are one.”

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word:

Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:103-105

"The Psalms Demolish Our Gnostic Impulses"

From Pastor John Stoos

Based on Psalm 134

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

The Heidelberg Catechism – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord’s Day 37

101. But may we swear reverently by the name of God? **Yes, when the magistrate requires it, or when it may be needful otherwise, to maintain and promote fidelity and truth to the glory of God and our neighbor’s good; for such an oath is grounded in God’s Word,[1] and therefore was rightly used by the saints in the Old and New Testaments.[2]**
[1] Deut. 10:20; Isa. 48:1; Heb. 6:16. [2] Gen. 21:24; 31:53–54; Josh. 9:15, 19; 1 Sam. 24:22; 1 Kgs. 1:29; Rom. 1:9.

102. May we swear by “the saints” or by any other creatures? **No, for a lawful oath is a calling upon God, that He, as the only searcher of hearts, may bear witness to the truth, and punish me if I swear falsely;[1] which honor is due to no creature.[2]** [1] 2 Cor. 1:23. [2] Matt. 5:34–36; *Jer. 5:7; *Isa. 65:16.

Response to God’s Word Through the Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“Give to Jehovah the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before Jehovah. For He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth." Psalm 96:8-13

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the Singing of Psalm 100:4-5 & the Doxology
Words composed by William Kethe, 1561

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| 1: O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise laud and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly, so to do. | 2: For why! The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure. |
| 3: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. | |

The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer:

“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.” Psalm 6:9
**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy 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 the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN [Matthew 6:9-13]**

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16*

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of ten systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The systems are numbered 8, 16, 25, 35, 43, 52, 60, and 70. The lyrics are: "I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth: And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was dru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to heav-en and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men."

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth:

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And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the

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Pi-late, was dru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to

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heav-en and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From

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thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

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I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the

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re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Word and Water, Bread and Wine

1. Our tri - une God rules o - ver all, And feeds all creatures great and small.
2. His Word re-stores the blind to sight; Our God has made the dark-ness light.

From sky, from earth, from
Clean wa - ter on our
From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, From
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, Clean

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, From sky, from
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, Clean wa - ter
sky heads a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

sky, from earth, from sky a - gain,
wa - ter on our heads was poured,
sky, from earth, from sky a - gain,
wa - ter on our heads was poured,

earth, on from sky a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
on our heads was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

From sky, from earth, from sky a - gain, Our God feeds all the sons of men.
Clean wa - ter on our heads was poured, We took the name of Je - sus, Lord.

3. At this great table, wine and bread
Will weave us now into the Head,
As we grow to a perfect man
And there fulfill salvation's plan.

4. The Lord has spoken living words,
He gave us ears, and thus we heard.
We will not give our sons a stone,
We will not live by bread alone.

5. Salvation comes and — face to face —
He sets before us means of grace.

Music: Oliver Holden (1765–1844)
Text: Douglas Wilson. 2005 ©

We know all this was kindly meant;
We taste the Word and sacrament.

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Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week
Partaking of the Bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen". [Matthew 28:17-20]

God's People Prepare to be Sent Forth with Singing:

2 pages

Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?

Psalm 2

POURQUOI FONT BRUIT (10 11. 10 11. 11 10. 11 10)

Douglas Wilson, 2000

Strasbourg, 1539

arrm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

1. Why do the heath - en na - tions vain - ly rage?
2. He speaks to them in right - eous, ho - ly wrath;
3. "The na - tions come; You are the on - ly Heir,

What pride - ful schemes are they in vain de - vis - ing?
God vex - es them and shows His great dis - pleas - ure.
The ends of earth will be Your own pos - ses - sion

The kings of earth and rul - ers all en - gage
"Yet have I set My King up - on the path
And bro - ken with a rod of i - ron there,

In e - vil plots, and in their sin con - triv - ing,
That up - ward winds to Zi - on, My own treas - ure."
Re - bel - lious pot - ter - y comes to de - struc - tion."

They take their stand a - gainst our God's Mes - si - ah;
 "You are My Son, to - day You are be - got - ten," -
 Now serve the LORD, with fear and glad - ness trem - bling,

They claim they will not keep His bind - ing chains.
 I will de - clare what God has said to Me -
 And there - fore, O ye kings, seek wis - dom here.

The one en - throned in high - est heav - en, high - er,
 'And not one tribe will ev - er be for - got - ten.
 How blessed are those who trust with - out dis - sem - bling,

Mocks them to scorn, on them de - ri - sion rains.
 You will re - ceive the world, just ask of Me."
 Who kiss the Son and bow in rev - erent fear.

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."

Psalm 111:10 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Response to God's Commission – Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - ra - el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A - men.

September 10th, 2023

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~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply ~ Pastor John Stoos ~

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Claire Smith, Sarah Sifford, Cindy Kendrick, & Robin Ferguson, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong, & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For our families who are seeking to move, that our Lord would provide for their needs.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, giving glory to the Name of our only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading By This Standard: The Authority of God's Law Today by Greg Bahnsen Contact Pastor Stoos.

Sacramento Area Bible Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Patrick Avanto.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; reading No Mere Mortals by Toby Sumpter. Contact Nathaniel Pettyjohn. (530)205-5162

Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading How To Be Free From Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian Relationships by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda Stoos.

Vallejo Area Study:

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

Birthdays

Mercy Sifford ~ September 10th
Divinity Kendrick ~ September 13th
Phil Smith ~ September 14th

Hall Takedown Today

Nate & Spencer Pettyjohn, Damell Kendrick, Johathan Liberati, Sean VanNess

Next Week's Playground Duty

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