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At Church of the King on November 26th, 2023 The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalms 119:103

Hear Today's Call to Worship From God's Word

"Oh come, let us sing to Jehovah! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For Jehovah is the great God, And the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker" Psalm 95:1-7

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Adoration: (Based on Psalm 145:10)

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and His love. Our shield and defender, the ancient of days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. The earth with its store of wonders untold Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Salutation and Response:

[based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Psalm 103:13]

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

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

As a father has compassion on his children,

So Jehovah has compassion on those who fear Him

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

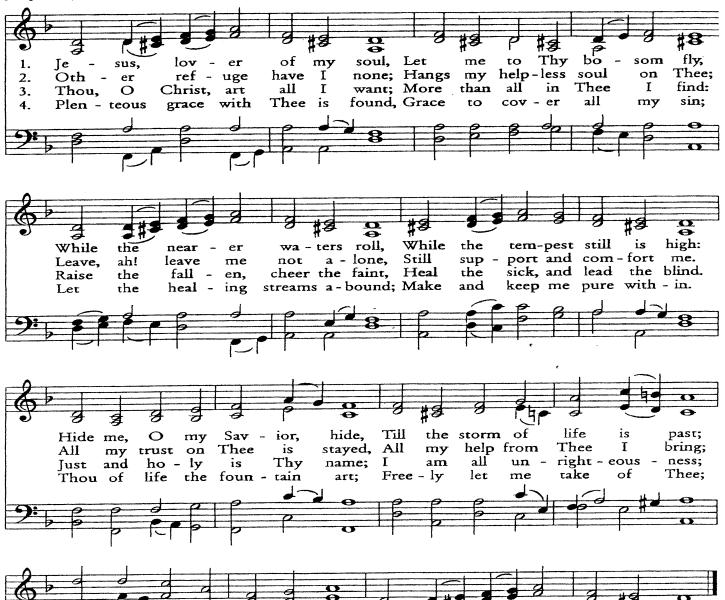
"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." *Psalm 51:1-5*

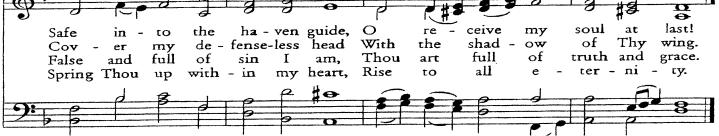
God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession: [confession: [confession]] [confession]

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Silent Confession: "When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:3-5 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!

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness : Psalm 51:7-12

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit."

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. The Bible declares we are now **in Christ** and **in Him** we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity, along with the holy angels and Saints from all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**



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:

""Stand up and bless Jehovah your God Forever and ever! "Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" Nehemiah 9:5b



Member Covenant Signing:

Jessika Fleisher

"Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers." II Chronicles 34:31,32

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Jessika presents her daughter **Layla Pentecost** for Baptism into the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;

"Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:15-17

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. I Corinthians 10:1-4

Hymn of Thanks: Beneath the Blood-Stained Doorpost

Based on Exodus 12, words attributed to Harry Ironside, sung to the tune of O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Beneath the blood-stained doorpost I with my children stand; A messenger of evil is passing through the land. There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face; Beneath the blood-stained doorpost shall be our hiding place.

My Savior, for my dear ones I claim Thy promise true. The Lamb is ''for the household''—the children's Savior too. On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine; Beneath the blood-stained doorpost Thy blessing give to mine.

O Thou who gave them, guard them, those wayward little feet, The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet. My mother love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care! Beneath the blood-stained doorpost, oh, keep me ever there!

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

...that He [God] would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD: 1 John 4:7-5:5 Love

[4:7] Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; And everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us And sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has seen God at any time.

If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar;

For he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

[5:1] Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,

And everyone who loves Him who begot, also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith: [congregation standing] O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!



God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon "Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"When Leadership Goes Bad"

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on Mark 12:1-12

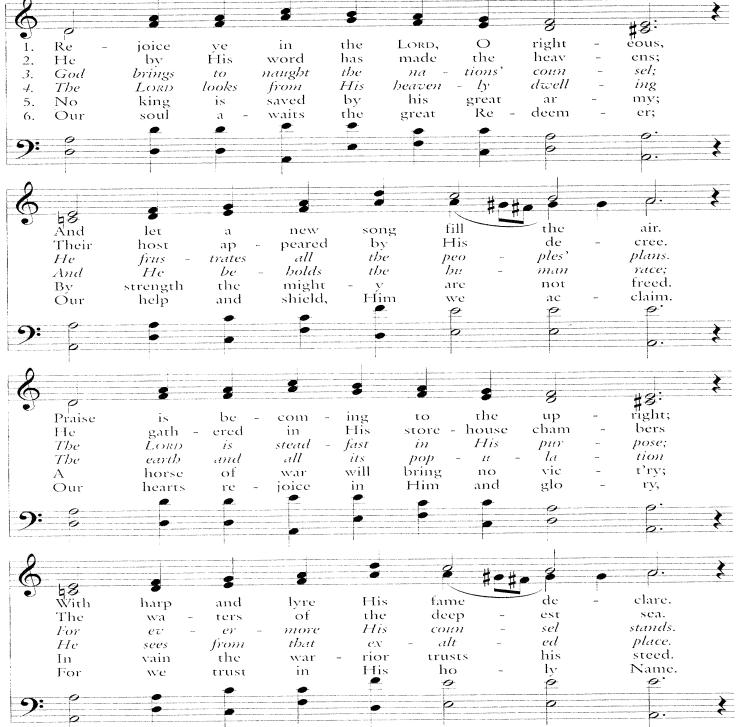
God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Rejoice Ye in the LORD, O Righteous

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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 48

123. What is the second petition?

"Your kingdom come;" that is, so govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that we submit ourselves to You always more and more;[1] preserve and increase Your Church;[2] destroy the works of the devil, every power that exalts itself against You, and all wicked devices formed against Your Holy Word,[3] until the fullness of Your kingdom come,[4] wherein You shall be all in all.[5] [1] Ps. 119:5; 143:10. [2] Ps. 51:18; 122:6–7. [3] 1 Jn. 3:8; Rom. 16:20. [4] Rev. 22:17, 20; Rom. 8:22–23. [5] 1 Cor. 15:28; *Ps. 102:12–13; *Heb. 12:28; *Rev. 11:15; *1 Cor. 15:24.

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison] "Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all." Genesis 14:18-20

<u>Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:</u> With the singing of Psalm 30:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

1: Sing praise you Saints unto the Lord; His name is one to be adored. Give thanks unto His holy name. At every mem'ry of that name.

- 2: His wrath is in a moment past; His favor through all life will last. Weeping may still endure a night, But joy comes with the morning light.
- 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:

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

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]



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)



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." I 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 Sing a Psalm of Commissioning: 2 pages Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage? Psalm 2

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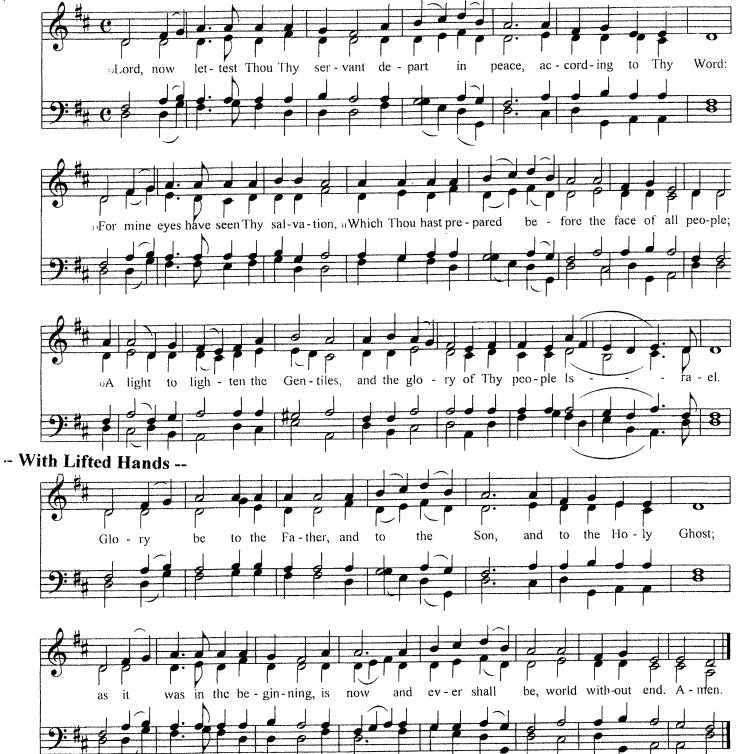


<u>God Blesses His People – The Benediction:</u>

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

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen." *I Thessalonians 5:23,24 & 2 Corinthians 13:14*

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





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

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, Sindy Kendrick, Brianna Whitted, and Brittany Harrold, 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 Tuesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading <u>By This Standard: The</u> Authority of God's Law Today by Grea

<u>Authority of God's Law Today</u> 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 <u>No Mere Mortals</u> by Toby Sumpter. Contact Nathaniel Pettyjohn. (530)205-5162 Ladies' Book Study:

- Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos

home; reading <u>Flourish: How the Love of Christ</u> <u>Frees Us From Self-Focus</u> by Lydia Brownback. Contact Linda Stoos.

Vallejo Area Study: ~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

Birthdays

Chris Page ~ November 27th John Sifford ~ November 28th Moses Liberati ~ December 1st

<u>Hall Takedown Today</u>

John Sifford, John Pekarek, Ryan Holst, Jonathan Liberati, Birken Vogt & Sons

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