

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

MARCH 10, 2019

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

The primitive Christians felt themselves in need of salvation. 'How,' they asked, 'should the load of sin be removed?' They simply trusted in Jesus to remove it. In other words, they had "faith" in Him...the early Christians regarded Jesus not merely as an *example* for faith, but primarily as the *object* of faith. Christianity, from the beginning, was a means of getting rid of sin by trust in Jesus of Nazareth. (J. Gresham Machen)

Introit

God Calls His People into Worship

Psalm 111 (p. 477)

***God's People Respond in Praise**

Hymn 302

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

*Prayer of Adoration

God's People Confess Their Faith:

WCF 14.1-2 (p. 856)

God Calls Us to Repentance:

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. (Acts 3:18-21)

God's People Confess Their Sin

O Lord our God in Heaven and Judge of all the Earth, You have shown yourself faithful and righteous, keeping covenant from generation to generation to the praise of Your glorious grace. You have forgiven Your people and patiently borne with Your sinful people through the ages and made known Your Name in Your works of Creation and Redemption. We confess we have not honored Your Name as Holy, but we have treated Your Name lightly as we view our sin lightly. We have thought little of Your attributes and have been content in our spiritual understanding rather than seeking to know more of You. We have not hungered for Your word, but have craved common things. Forgive us anew, we pray, and send Your

Spirit so we may delight in Who you are and in Your Holy Name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

God Declares the Good News of Our Forgiveness in Christ

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1-4)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 77

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Psalm 103)

God's People Worship through Giving

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having contentment in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Offertory: Lord, I Lift My Soul to You (G. F. Händel arr. Hopson)

Lord, I lift my soul to You: My trust is ever in Your Word. / O make me know all Your ways. / Lord, I claim Your boundless love; Your deeds are known from days of old, / You guide the humble in the paths of peace; O Lord, Your name is Truth and Light. / Those who revere the Lord live in joy. Peace shall be upon their way; / The Lord will be their constant hope; The Lord is ever their guide and stay. / Lord, I lift my soul to You; I praise You now, forevermore.

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares Upon Him

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands. (Psalm 138:7-8)

*Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 140

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:3-5 (p. 924)

God Feeds His People through His Word

Rev. Ryan Biese

"God-Centered Gospel"

*Hymn of Response

Hymn 172

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

*Benediction

Ministry Opportunities for Everyone

- Children / Youth Ministry
- Greeters
- Intercessory Prayer
- Local Outreach
- Men's Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Missions Work
- Nursery
- Scouting Programs
- Visitation
- Women in the Church

I am interested in...

- Becoming a Christian
- Joining this Church
- Family Activities
- Joining a Bible Study
- Other Interests:

Comments or Questions

Request Sermons on CD

Name: _____

Date(s): _____

Special Needs

- I want to speak with the Pastor.
- I want to know more about this Church.

Prayer Requests
