

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

The Mountain of the Lord | Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and all the peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Personal Reflection Question

Question: In Isaiah's prophetic image, what excites, challenges, or intrigues you?

Notes

Family Business

This Week

Sat. Jan. 14 – 1:00 pm Ordination & Installation Service for Jamie Swope

Sat. Jan. 14 – 10:00 am visitation and 11:00 celebration of life at Schweitzer Church for Dr. Calvin LeMon.

Upcoming

Tues. Jan 17 - 6:00 pm, room 014. Called Session Meeting to approve the Budget.

Wed. Jan 18 – 5:30 pm North Atrium, Annual Leadership Summit, and dinner.

Sun. Jan 22 - 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Annual Congregational Meeting.

Condolences

To the family of Dr. Calvin LeMon on his passing, Dec. 28th, 2022.

Sundays at 9:45am. we have classes for all ages to encourage our growth as disciples. Classes start again on January 8th. You are welcome to join anytime!

Here are the options for our Adult classes:

Ancient Discipleship

The first generations of Christians developed a training manual for mentors to use with new Christian converts to help them understand the way of Jesus and how to live it out in their everyday settings. Steeped in the teachings of Jesus, this short training manual (called The Didache) can give us a fresh understanding of the vitality of Jesus' teachings and the importance of apprenticeship in the life of today's Christians. Led by Rev. Don Everts.

Hosted in the McClung Class (Room 026/Reception Room).

Gospel of Luke: From the Outside In

This study will focus on the Gospel of Luke, which is a stunning portrait of Jesus, the Son of God. Luke believes his book is the most important narrative we could ever read and invites his readers to witness His life, death, and resurrection and be transformed as a result. This is a book that presents the reader with an accurate account of Jesus but also a pathway to get to know Him personally.

Hosted in the March Fellowship Class (Room 015).

The Minor Prophets

This class will be looking at the books Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Books of prophecy relate not only to the Ancient Israelite but also to believers today with themes like God's promises, His return, injustice, obedience, repentance, and grace.

Hosted in the Little-Bacon Class (Room 020).

Proverbs and Psalms

This study looks at wisdom, the impact of words, and righteousness vs. wickedness in the proverbs, and then starting in April, this class will be studying Psalms.

Hosted in the 49ers Class (Room 114).

Visit the First & Calvary Website for more information on each of the above events by scanning the QR code or going to <https://www.firstandcalvary.org>



A HOUSE OF PRAYER

JANUARY 8, 2023



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Liturgical Service

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

Call to Worship | Mona Casady Niewald

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

All: to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.

Come, O house of Jacob,

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Hymn 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784

Confession of Sin

Gracious God,

you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus

to direct us in the way of life.

You offer us your Holy Spirit

so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction

and that we often succumb to their lure.

Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,

that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

Remember these things, O Jacob,

and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you, you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,

and your sins like mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

—based on Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri; Music: Henry Greatorex

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Tyler Heckman

The Grand Alleluia

Words: Text adapted from The Bible by Carl Frederickson; Music: Franz Schubert

Praise to Thee, all praise to Thee,

O Lord, sing we now a grand Alleluia.

Father, we thank Thee;

Thou, O Lord, art very great,

Thou art clothed with strength and majesty.

Thine is an everlasting kingdom,

to all the ends of the earth Thou art God.

Thy dominion endureth

throughout all generations.

Come and let us worship Him,

come and let us worship God

in the beauty of holiness,

for He is our God.

Praise to Thee, O Lord, our God,

all praise and glory belong to Thee,

all the earth shall magnify Thy name,

for Thou shalt reign forever.

Praise to Thee, all praises to Thee,

O Lord, sing we now a grand Alleluia.

Father, we thank Thee;

Thou, O Lord, art very great,

Thou art clothed in glory.

*Hymn 805

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*Offering Prayer

Time for Children | Elizabeth Strong

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I love Jesus

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Mountain of the Lord

Hymn 768

I Come With Joy v1-4

Words: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1977;

Music: Traditional American melody, arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & Communion

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 evil. For thine is the

kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn 540

Take Time to Be Holy

Words: William D. Longstaff, 1882

Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890

*Benediction & Benediction Response

841 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Words: John Newton, 1799

Music: Corner's Gesangbuch, 1631

Postlude

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