

Order of Worship

March 20, 2022

Meditation - 1 Peter 1:20-21

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Songs of Adoration – 2

Call to Worship – Psalm 86:5-13 (*Responsive Reading*)

L - For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

C - Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

L - In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

C - There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

L - All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

C - For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

L - Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

C - I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

ALL - For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

L - We ourselves were once foolish and disobedient. We were easily led astray.

We were slaves to passion and pleasure, malice and envy.

C - Forgive us when we defy Your authority.

L - You saved us, not because of our own good works, but by Your mercy.

C - Forgive us when we speak evil and when we lack courtesy for others.

L - You washed us and renewed us with Your Spirit.

C - Forgive us when we have no self-control.

L - You justified us by Your grace alone, and You made us Your children.

C - Forgive us when we create divisions and quarrel among ourselves.

Purify us, O God.

Assurance of Pardon

L - 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.

C - This is the truth. Praise the Lord!

(from 45th General Assembly, adapted from Romans 8:1)

Songs of Worship – 2

Offering and Doxology

Old Testament Reading – Micah 4:1-8

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 it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations 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. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; 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; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore. And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.

Reader: “The Word of the Lord”

Congregation: “Thanks Be to God”

Dismissal of Children to Children’s Church

Announcements

Song of Preparation – 1

Sermon Text – 1 John 2:18-27

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. ²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Sermon – “The Gospel Under Attack”

Song of Response – 1

Benediction