

Lord's Day Worship

August 28, 2022

*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

PRAISE

- * Call to Worship Psalm 100:1-2
- * Opening Hymn *"Shout Aloud to the Lord"*

RENEWAL

- * Prayer of Confession (unison)

Father of mercy, we are sinful in our closest walk with you, and it is only by your mercy that we breathe and live. Though we stand before you soiled and guilty, you have reckoned us innocent in Christ. We are grateful for your kindness to us, yet we fail to extend that same mercy and kindness to others. We compare ourselves to others and imagine that we are morally superior. Father, forgive us. Thank you that Jesus suffered and died in our place, so that we are now clothed in his beautiful righteousness. (silent prayer)

- * Assurance of Pardon Colossians 1:13-14

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Thanks be to God!

- * Song *"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"*

Reception of New Members Chris & Danielle Combs,
Julie Smith, Brian Westcott

Children's Message Ellen Combs & Galena

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.

Offering

Doxology

THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:7-13

* Psalter Hymn *"Judge Me, Lord, and Vindicate Me"*

Psalter Reading Psalm 26

Sermon "Vindicate Me!"

COMMITMENT

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

Church, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Closing Song *"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"*

* Benediction

* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

"Boldness and Confidence"

. . . Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. – Ephesians 3:11-12

This is a statement of complete assurance and confidence, written by a man whose pride had been smashed. Saul of Tarsus was educated, powerful, and arrogant. He hated the followers of Jesus. The Book of Acts says, *Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison* (Acts 8:3). The extent of Saul's pride is captured in his own words: *If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more . . . a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless* (Philippians 3:4-6).

But as Saul was on the way to Damascus, *still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord* (Acts 9:1), he was dramatically humiliated by the One who alone has true glory and majesty. Jesus Christ appeared to him – literally – as a blinding light. He fell to the ground and Jesus spoke to him: *Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?* (Acts 9:4) Saul was blinded, and so devastated that he could not eat or drink for three days. The pride of Saul was destroyed by the hand of Jesus Christ. But surprisingly, when his sight was restored and he was baptized as a Christian, his massive arrogance had been replaced with confidence. He stood in the synagogue of Damascus and said of Jesus, *He is the Son of God* (Acts 9:20).

Are you confused by the distinction between arrogance and confidence? Don't be. Paul (new name!) was now confident in the grace that God gave him, but the old pride had been broken. God redirected Paul's zeal away from himself and toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pride takes credit for what it achieves on its own, while *boldness* and *confidence* stand strong because they recognize the power and presence of One greater. Only the grace of God can lead you from one to the other.

Pastor Phil Moran



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“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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Psalm 26

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