

Lord's Day Worship

October 2, 2022

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

PRAISE

- * Call to Worship Psalm 100:3 (ESV)
- * Opening Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

RENEWAL

- * Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving Father, you have created us to worship you alone. You have dealt kindly and patiently with us, and we should worship you with joy and gratitude every day. Your Word should delight us and your law call us to obedience. Yet, Lord, we are great sinners who run from you often. We exchange your truth for lies, because we don't want to worship and obey you. We want to be our own gods, and we turn from you toward the idols that enchant us. We desire sinful things and sell our souls to get them. Father, forgive us and have mercy on us. We thank you for Jesus who worshiped you alone, paid the price for our sin, and restores us to fellowship with you and one another.
(silent prayer)

- * Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)
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.
Thanks be to God!

- * Song *Merciful God*

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

- Old Testament Reading Isaiah 44:6-9
- * Song *Creator God, Forever Praised*
- New Testament Reading Romans 1:18-25
- Sermon "The Great Exchange"

COMMITMENT

*Affirmation of Faith Q. 1 The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)
What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

- * Song *Gospel Song*

The Lord's Supper

- * Closing Song *How Rich a Treasure*

* 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!

Without Excuse

You and I were made for relationship with God. This means he is involved in every aspect of our lives, and not just what we think to be the spiritual parts. People may ignore his existence, they may be atheists or agnostics, but they cannot escape that they were crafted in God's image and connected to him through creation. This means that all of life is spiritual. Religion is not just one aspect of our lives; we are by nature religious. We all come from God, and we all depend on God for every breath we take (Acts 17:25). People may reject him, but they cannot escape him, even if they deny his existence.

God in his mercy has designed all creation to help people remember him and their dependence on him. God purposefully created the material universe in such a way that it points to his existence and his character. The psalmist wrote: *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork* (Ps. 19:1). And the Apostle Paul says, *For his invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse* (Romans 1:20).

The plain truth of the existence and power of God isn't just preached on Sunday. It is preached every day through the beauty of a sunset, the power of a thunderstorm, the wonder of a newborn human baby, the majesty of mountains, the whisper of a breeze, the inexhaustible wings of a hummingbird, and so on. The power and clarity of creation's message leaves no human being with an excuse. It takes tremendous effort to deny God's existence because it is so readily visible everywhere you look. God designed his creation this way because he is a God of grace. He did this so that we would run to him and not from him. He did this so that we would recognize our position as his creatures and bow to his glory. He did this so that we would thank him and worship him.

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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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