

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150:1-2

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 76 – Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism 20-21 Q&A

Minister: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Congregation: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

Minister: Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

Congregation: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

Hymn 168 – I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (Stanzas 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING

The Law of God

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lover of the unlovely, it is your will that we should love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and that we should love our enemies and our neighbors as ourselves. We confess to you that we are not sufficient for these things. By nature, there is no pure love in our souls, and every affection in us is turned away from you and others and toward ourselves. We are prisoners of our own lust and self-worship until you set us free. We fear and despise our enemies, hoping for their ruin and at times causing it. We break covenants with our friends carelessly, and fail to keep the promises we have made. Father, forgive us for our many sins. Help us to become kind and merciful lovers of our friends and enemies. Open our eyes to your amazing love and generosity toward us until we are transformed into your image, to love as you love. When we are sinned against, cause us to cherish your great mercy to us and then extend it freely to other wretched sinners like ourselves. May we always see ourselves accurately as helpless sinners in need of grace, so that we never move beyond the cross or consider ourselves better than our worst enemies. Thank you for loving us when we hated you, and for abandoning your precious Son to welcome us into your family forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION

Hymn 94 – How Firm a Foundation (Stanzas 5 & 6)

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-11 Pew Bible Pg. 1198

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Followed by the Lord's Prayer ("Debts")

OFFERING and DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Philemon 17-20 *Pew Bible Pg. 1271*

Paul's Advocacy for Onesimus, Part 4

Pastor James A. La Belle

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 308 – Jesus Paid It All

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

DEACON'S OFFERING

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 186 – One There Is, above All Others

BENEDICTION

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. *McKee CM (11:1,2)*