

The Lord's Day, May 26, 2024

10:30 AM Morning Service

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me...to comfort all who mourn;...to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:10

Minister: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

People: my soul shall exult in my God,

Minister: for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

People: he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Unison: Come, let us sing praise to our God!

*Hymn of Adoration: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?" (No. 455)

1 And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

2 'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!)
and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me! [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
[Refrain]

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, in your beloved Son, I am loved with an everlasting love and clothed in eternal righteousness. In him are peace and comfort, joy and triumph. He endured infinite anguish to secure my eternal joy. He was forsaken by his Father to make me welcome as an adopted son. He was wounded that I might be healed, tormented that I might be comforted, stripped that I might be robed in righteousness, crucified that I might live forever with you. You spared not your Son that you might spare me. Thank you! For all this, may my heart be ever filled with wonder and joy, praise and thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 31**

Minister: Why is he called *Christ*, that is, Anointed?

People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

***Gloria (Tune: "To God Be the Glory")**

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:16-21

***Hymn of Response: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (No. 164)**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

The Prayers of Confession

Unison: Lord God, eternal, sovereign, immutable, holy, just, and merciful, Maker of all things by your power, Ruler of all things in your wisdom: we adore you for the wonders of creation, for the goodness of all your ways, for the perfection of your thoughts, for your saving love revealed in Jesus Christ, and for your Spirit's living presence within us. You are worthy of all praise, O Lord most mighty and merciful, from generation to generation, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Almighty God, we are unworthy of your love that you have shown to us in countless ways, and so our hearts overflow with unending thankfulness for your goodness to us.

People: We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love to us in our redemption through Jesus Christ.

Minister: We thank you for the means of grace and for the hope of glory, and we ask that you make us ever aware of your kind mercies to us.

People: Help us to show forth your praise not only with our lips, but in our lives by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking in holiness all our days.

Minister: We belong wholly to you, bought with the precious blood of Christ, and we are dependent upon and trust you completely for our justification, sanctification, and glorification.

Unison: Hear our prayers, O Lord, and make our hearts glad that we are your children.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:32-34)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

*Hymn of Response: "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (No. 520)

1 Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

4 Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me -
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

5 O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 11:1-19

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

Sermon: "Expectations about the Messiah" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

*Hymn of Response: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (No. 311)

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with comfort speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever-
that name to us is Love.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Fellowship Lunch**

Everyone is invited to our annual Memorial Day cook-out today after the worship service.

➤ **Midweek Study**

Our midweek study of the Westminster Confession of Faith will begin on **June 5**. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for approximately sixteen weeks. This study is open to the entire church, including children according to the parents' desire. Materials will be provided. We will not, however, be providing a nursery.

➤ **Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net Pregnancy Center of IRC**

Fill a Bottle, Save a LIFE! Help Care Net share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. If you wish to participate, pick up a bottle in the church foyer, fill it up, and return it by Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day).

➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

The men's study group will meet one more time this Wednesday, May 29th before taking a break for the summer.