

The Lord's Day, July 21, 2024

10:30 AM Morning Service

*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9-11*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Hebrews 1:1-4

Minister: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

People: **whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.**

Minister: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

People: **After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

Unison: **Come, let us praise the name of our Lord!**

*Hymn of Adoration: "Join All the Glorious Name" (No. 301)

1 Join all the glorious names
of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew,
that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth,
too poor to set my Savior forth.

2 Great Prophet of my God,
my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news
of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n,
of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

3 Jesus, my great High Priest,
offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks
no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone
and now it pleads before the throne.

4 Thou art my Counselor,
my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my Shepherd art;
O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray
to wander in the crooked way.

5 My Savior and my Lord,
my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword,
thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit
in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord, your name is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe. Your name is majestic; it is glorious; it is to be feared and to be praised. For you are the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation. And now, Lord, we approach you

in the powerful name of Jesus – our Savior and Redeemer, who took the punishment which we, the guilty, deserve and who secured for us forgiveness, justification, and eternal life. Amen.

***Confession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 122)**

Minister: What is the first petition of the Lord's Prayer?

People: *Hallowed be your name. That is: Grant us first of all that we may rightly know you, and sanctify, glorify, and praise you in all your works, in which shine forth your almighty power, wisdom, goodness, righteousness, mercy, and truth. Grant us also that we may so direct our whole life—our thoughts, words, and actions—that your name is not blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.*

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: "Gloria Patri, Creatorex")**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 113

Minister: Praise the Lord.

People: **Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.**

Minister: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

People: **From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Minister: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

People: **Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

People: **he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.**

Minister: He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

People: **Praise the Lord**

Hymn of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (No. 53)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

The Prayers of the People

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, we pray that you will give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation so that we may know you better. We pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened so that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe – the same power at work when you raised Christ from the dead and seated him at your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. You have put all things under Christ's feet and have given him as head over all things to us, the church. It is in his name we come to You. Amen.

From Ephesians 1

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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

***Hymn of Response: "Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground" (No. 518)**

1 Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in you may I be found,
still for you my pow'rs employ,
still for you my pow'rs employ.

2 Let your love my heart inflame;
keep your fear before my sight;
be your praise my highest aim;
be your smile my chief delight,
be your smile my chief delight.

3 Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
freely from your fullness give;
till I close my earthly race,
may I prove it "Christ to live,"
may I prove it "Christ to live."

4 Firmly trusting in your blood,
nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood,
safely reach Immanuel's ground,
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

5 Thus, O thus, an entrance give
to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live,"
let me know it "gain to die,"
let me know it "gain to die."

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 12:38-32**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

Sermon: "Something Greater" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" (No. 11, Tune: "Azmon")**

1 Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works
in glory that excel.

2 And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill.
Amen, so shall it be.

3 His wide dominion shall extend
from sea to utmost sea,
and unto earth's remotest bounds
his peaceful rule shall be.

4 Yea, all the kings shall bow to him,
his rule all nations hail;
he will regard the poor man's cry
when other helpers fail.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Study

Our midweek study of the Westminster Confession of Faith meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM, at the church. This study is open to the entire congregation, including children according to the parents' desire. Materials are provided. We will not, however, provide a nursery.

Meals for Gene and Marilyn Lofaro

The Lofaros are dealing with some difficult health issues and could use our help with some meals. If you'd like to serve them in this way, please visit www.TakeThemAMeal.com. You can use the passcode 2832 and their last name to sign up. Thank you! If proximity is difficult, please let Susan Parsons know and a tag-team will be coordinated.

Women's Lunch

All the women at CTK are invited to join us on **August 8** where we plan to meet at the church at noon for a salad luncheon and play some ice breaker games to get to know one another a little better.