

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 3:19-20

Congregation: Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow him more faithfully. As we have received him, so strengthen us to walk in him, depend on him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give us an experience of your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of your saving mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 3:21-26

Leader: But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

HYMN TEXT READING, "From Every Stormy Wind that Blows"

Leader: From ev'ry stormy wind that blows, from ev'ry swelling tide of woes, there is a calm, a sure retreat; 'tis found beneath the mercy seat.

Congregation: There is a place where Jesus sheds the oil of gladness on our heads, a place than all besides more sweet; it is the blood-stained mercy seat.

Leader: There is a spot where spirits blend, where friend holds fellowship with friend, tho' sundered far; by faith they meet around the common mercy seat.

Congregation: Ah, whither could we flee for aid, when tempted, desolate, dismayed, or how the hosts of hell defeat, had suff'ring saints no mercy seat?

Leader: There, there on eagle wings we soar, and time and sense seem all no more, and heav'n comes down our souls to greet, and glory crowns the mercy seat.

Congregation: O may my hand forget her skill, my tongue be silent, cold, and still, this bounding heart forget to beat, if I forget the mercy seat.

RECEPTION OF THE WORD

PRAYER

SERMON

"What's a Good Friend?"

Rev. Jarrod Crawford

SCRIPTURE

Various Proverbs

18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

17:17

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

25:17

Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,
lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

3:27-31:

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.
Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.
Do not plan evil against your neighbor,
who dwells trustingly beside you.
Do not contend with a man for no reason,
when he has done you no harm.
Do not envy a man of violence
and do not choose any of his ways.

17:9

Whoever covers an offense seeks love,

but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

18:17

The one who states his case first seems right,
until the other comes and examines him.

27:17

Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER, OFFERTORY PRAYER, AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Time for Reflection

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Hades, the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, amen.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENT

Shoeboxes



OCC will be having a Drop-off location at Community Alliance Church November 16-23. They will be offering curb side drop off this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a flyer at the back of the sanctuary with more details.

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 AM

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

OPENING PSALM: 8:1-9

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Congregation: You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

Congregation: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Congregation: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CATECHISM READING:

Leader: Q. 103. Which is the first commandment?

Congregation: The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Leader: Q. 104. What are the duties required in the first commandment?

Congregation: The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him.