

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 34:8-10

Leader Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

All **Blessed are they who take refuge in him!**

Leader Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

All **For those who fear him have no lack!**

Leader The young lions suffer want and hunger;

All **But those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

All **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.**

**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?**

**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 can do,
If, with his love, he befriend thee.**

**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.**

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words: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Lobe den Herren, 1665

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

drawn from 1 Peter 1-2

Leader Apart from you, Lord,
 our way of life seems full and right,
 but really, it's only empty,
 cut off from true light and life.

All **We're like sheep going astray,
 who don't even know
 that we don't know our own way.**

Leader Our Father, you are the Holy One,
 who dwells in immeasurable light.

All **But my heart hides from your holiness
 because of my secret desires.
My heart is bent inward,
 away from your ways.
Can I hope for holiness,
 hopeless sinner that I am?
I am overwhelmed by your holiness,
 but how do I grow in it?**

Leader Our Father, you are the Holy One,
 who makes us holy.

All **But I am proud of myself.
I consider myself holy enough without all of You.
I prefer being a pretty good person
 to being weak and hungry for your Holiness.
Can I hope for holiness,
 proud sinner that I am?
I am not overwhelmed by your holiness;
 what hope is there for me?**

Leader Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

All **Restore us to yourself,
 Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

drawn from 1 Peter 1-3

Leader Jesus is special and dear to God.
The Father chose him before the creation of the world
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

All **Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,
bearing our sins in his body on the cross,
to bring us to God.**

Leader Put to death in the body,
he was made alive in the Spirit.

All **He ascended into heaven
where he reigns at his Father's right hand,
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

Leader You are special and dear to God.
God has chosen and redeemed you
to make you his special possession
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus's steps.

All **Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

Leader Once you were not a people,
All **But now we are God's people!**

Leader Once you had not received mercy,
All **But now we have received mercy!**

Song in the Gospel

“There is a Fountain”

All

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel’s veins,
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains,
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day,
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away,
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood, shall never lose its pow’r,
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more.**

**When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing thy pow’r to save;
I’ll sing thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing thy pow’r to save,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing thy pow’r to save.**

words: William Cowper, 1771; music: Lowell Mason, 1830

Song in the Gospel

“Hold Thou my Hand”

All

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

words: Fanny Crosby, 1879; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Dependence

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Preparation for the Word

from Isaiah 55:10-11

Leader As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

All **So is our Father's word that goes out from his mouth:
It will not return to him empty,
but will accomplish what he desires
and achieve the purpose for which he sent it.**

Scripture

1 Peter 1:13-21

Reader ¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jeff Nottingham
Like Father, Like Family

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Community Group Questions

- 1) At the beginning of his book on holiness, *Devoted to God*, Sinclair Ferguson writes, “[Holiness] is not something mechanical, or formal, or legal, or even performance-based. It is personal. In a sense, ‘holiness’ is a way of describing love. To say that ‘God is love’ and that ‘God is holy’ ultimately is to point to the same reality.” What have you been taught about holiness and what questions do you have about God’s holiness?
- 2) Westminster Shorter Catechism question 4 is, “What is God? God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.” God’s attributes are not to be separated from each other, because they are all perfectly united in his person. How does your understanding of God’s holiness diminish when you separate it from the rest of his attributes? In what ways does your understanding of God’s holiness grow when you consider it in relationship with his other attributes?
- 3) In 1 Peter 1:16, the Apostle Peter quotes from the law of Moses in the OT book of Leviticus. In Leviticus 20:7–8, God tells his people, “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.” God’s holiness transforms us; it makes us holy. How is this currently playing out in your life?

Life as Worship

Town Hall | September 2, 6-7pm
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Community Groups | Launching this Fall
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Valediction

from Ephesians 4:11-15

Leader

Jesus himself gave the apostles,
the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers,
to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up
until we all reach unity in the faith
and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of who Jesus is.

All

**He did this so that we would no longer be childish in our thinking,
tossed back and forth by the waves,
and blown here and there by every wind of teaching
and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.**

Leader

Instead, speaking the truth in love,
we grow to become, in every respect, the mature body
of him who is our whole focus, that is, Christ.

Departing Hymn

"It's God who Saves"

All

Like all God's prophets, his kings and judges,
Were thieves and killers, adulterous liars,
That he had chosen, to show his greatness.
Just like those heroes, by grace he called me,
So dead in my sin, it's him I boast in,
I breathe but only, through faith in Jesus.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.

Christ came to me who, had hated God and
Was bent to chaos, and served destruction,
In love he died, and he paid my pardon.
And then he raised me, with him in union,
A wretch adopted, triune affection,
Eternal power, and love unyielding.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.
It's God who saves, not I, it's God who is my life.
All I bring is nothing, it's God who saves, not I.

If my salvation, to me was trusted,
If I must hold fast, or keep love fervent,
I'm lost already, my love unsteady.
But once redemption, is won it's finished,
His sure deposit, his steadfast Spirit,
From grace beginning, to grace unending.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.
It's God who saves, not I, it's God who is my life.
All I bring is nothing, it's God who saves, not I.

Nathan Partain, 2013

Song of Celebration

"Your Beloved is Ready"

All

**She has saved her whole heart for you Lord,
She has kept her eyes pure for you Lord,
She has waited and waited, while her hungers were raging,
To taste only the love of her Lord.**

**She has set her delight in you Lord,
She has stayed all her thoughts on you Lord,
She has stilled her desires, all her tossing and straying,
She has put all her hope in you Lord.**

Refrain

**You have washed her for the day of her wedding,
Promised yourself, by your Spirit abiding.
In the earthquakes and war, Lord, can you hear her singing?
Her arms are raised high, she is radiant and holy,
Your beloved is ready. Your beloved is ready for you.
Your beloved is ready.**

**She has shut out the greed of her soul.
Scoffs at scarcity, rotting and mold.
She has given so freely, to the mean and unworthy,
She's so loved that she cannot withhold**

**She surrendered her war for control,
She has waived every right that she holds,
She wiped out all the debts she demanded from others,
Cause she knew that she owed so much more.** *(Refrain)*

**She has torn up her murderous laws,
Her comparing and searching for flaws,
But you've made her so humble, holding others more highly,
For her joy has been filled to the full.**

**She took off her pretense for you Lord,
She confessed all her shame to you Lord,
She came out of her hiding, to be know so profoundly,
And so free she can dance for you Lord.** *(Refrain)*

Nathan Partain, 2013

Song of Celebration

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

All

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me out from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
To make all of my wants and my wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return!**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys that I feel, O the bliss I share,
Of those anxious hearts whose spirits burn
With the strongest desires for thy return!
With such I would, run to the place,
Where God my Savior shows His face,
And gladly take my station there, and wait for thee.
How I long to be with you where you are.
How I long to be with you.**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall all my petition bear,
Unto Him whose truth and whose faithfulness,
Shall engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee.
How I long to be with you where you are.
How I long to be with you where...**

**You are always listening so intently,
You are always calling out, in deep of deep
You are always whispering so gently,
You are always tending to all I need,
You are always offering your love to me,
You are always intricately governing,
You are always closer than I'd dare to dream,
You are always there waiting.**

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
How I long to remain and be with you where you are.**

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