

Theme for Worship: 1 Corinthians 15:20

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Welcome
Announcements
Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: Psalm 99

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

3 Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

4 The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

7 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer
Hymn: #101 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Scripture Reading Old Testament: Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Scripture Reading New Testament: Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22** he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, **23** if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Morning Prayer: Ruling Elder Alex Pinegar
Hymn: #170 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 32: Paragraph 1 & 2

1. The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption; but their souls (which neither die nor sleep), having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies: and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Besides these two places for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledgeth none.

2. At the last day, such as are found alive shall not die, but be changed; and all the dead shall be raised up with the self-same bodies, and none other, although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever.

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. **23** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. **24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. **28** When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Message: "The Resurrection of Christ Brings Victory over Death"

Introduction:

The Truth of the Resurrection: Christ Overcame the Power of Death

v.20

-Christ was raised from the dead

-He is the first-fruit

The Power of the Resurrection: Christ Gives Life

v.21-23

-death by a man

-life through Christ

- "all"

The Fulfillment of the Resurrection: Christ Delivers the Kingdom to God the Father

v.24

-then comes the end...

-He delivers the kingdom

-He destroys all enemies

The Result of the Resurrection: Christ Reigns Now

v.25-27

-Christ reigns now

-Christ defeats all enemies

-Christ defeats death

The Accomplishment of the Resurrection: Christ Returns the Kingdom to the Father

v.28

-when all are subject to Him

-He Himself will be subject to the Father

-God reigns over all

Conclusion

Hymn: #679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Benediction