
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship.)

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:3-4)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 16:8-13

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 113

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Amen!

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD

From this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the LORD is to be praised!
The LORD is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens!

†“God Himself Is With Us”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 24:1-5

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward each other. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

†Psalm 103E

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 16A

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship.)

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131)

†Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-6

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Psa. 124:8; Eph. 1:2

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

†Psalm 148B

†Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten
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 hell;¹ the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from there he
shall come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy
catholic² Church, the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!” Stanza 4 #230

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All
thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty! God in three
Persons, blessed Trinity!**

The Life of Gratitude Matthew 5:3-16

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they
shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they shall be
satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.**

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

² “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Pastoral Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen!

Psalm of the Month

†Psalm 119T

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 115

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Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

THE FOOLISHNESS OF IDOLATRY AND
THE WISDOM OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT
LORD'S DAY 34C
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

92 Q. What is God's law?

A. God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God... (Exodus 20:1-17)

93 Q. How are these commandments divided?

A. Into two tables. The first has four commandments, teaching us how we should live in relation to God. The second has six commandments, teaching us what we owe our neighbor.

94 Q. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, sorcery, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I renounce all created things rather than go against God's will in any way.

95 Q. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in his Word.

†Psalm 115A

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

†“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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Postlude

† = please stand, if able

bold = congregational response