

THE LORD'S DAY

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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 PM

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and of our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Daniel 2:20b-23a

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 98

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!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

For he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm

Have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

†“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Romans 13:8-14

Confession of Sin

Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Your word has shown us how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Our Father, although you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for the sake of his blood and righteousness. We ask also that you would give us an increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways, for your glory and the good of our neighbor; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will

show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

†Psalm 2A

The Sacrament of Baptism
Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 95B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Joshua 11
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Hebrews 4
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOSHUA 11
THE LAND HAD REST FROM WAR
EXPOSITION OF JOSHUA #14
i. A Desperate Alliance
ii. An Urgent Warning
iii. A Powerful Word

†“For All the Saints” #408; 1, 3-6, 8*

God Communes with Us
in the Lord’s Supper

Preparation and Prayer of Consecration
By the promise of God this bread and wine are for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

Distribution of the Bread and Wine
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering 1st: General Fund
 2nd: Peace URC

God Blesses Us and
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction Numbers 6:24-26
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen!

†Doxology (unannounced, #568)*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

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bold = congregational response
* = the congregation is invited to lift hands (during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

We invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper with us if you are a professing member in good standing of a Christian church. This means that:

1. you have been baptized;
2. you have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
3. and you desire to live a godly life in fellowship with his church.

Do you know your place in Christ? Are you known as faithful to Christ by his church? Then you too are welcome at his table.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Almighty God, be present among us in power, and with great might comfort and sustain us; that though our sins and wickedness would hinder us in the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Call to Worship Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

†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 3

†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!” #230; 4*

**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

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and
done what is evil in your sight. (Ps. 51:4)**

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**Come, let us worship and bow down; let us
kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Ps.
95:6)**

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will
declare your praise. (Ps. 51:15)**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD
of hosts! ... For a day in your courts is
better than a thousand elsewhere. (Ps.
84:1, 10)**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my
transgressions; according to your steadfast**

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).

love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! (Ps.25:7)

You shall not murder.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Teach me and know my thoughts! And see
if there be any grievous way in me, and
lead me in the way everlasting! (Ps.
139:23-24)**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our
secret sins in the light of your presence.
(Ps. 90:8)**

You shall not steal.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to
your steadfast love; according to your
abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions. (Ps. 51:1)**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Put false ways far from me and graciously
teach me your law! (Ps. 119:29)**

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

**Incline my heart to your testimonies, and
not to selfish gain! (Ps. 119:36)**

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 115A

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

ORDER AND DISCIPLINE: THE KEYS OF POWER

ARTICLE 32

THE BELGIC CONFESSION

- i. Scripture's Power to Guard
- ii. Worship's Power for Unity
- iii. Discipline's Power of Peace

**We also believe that although it is useful
and good for those who govern the
churches to establish and set up a certain
order among themselves for maintaining
the body of the church, they ought always
to guard against deviating from what
Christ, our only Master, has ordained for
us. Therefore we reject all human
innovations and all laws imposed on us, in
our worship of God, which bind and force
our consciences in any way. So we accept
only what is proper to maintain harmony
and unity and to keep all in obedience to
God. To that end excommunication, with
all it involves, according to the Word of
God, is required.**

†“Jesus, with Thy Church Abide” #406; 1-6, 9

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Amen!

†“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

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