



The Lord's Day | October 17, 2021
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Preparation

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns of Adoration

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched my soul revived and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk 'till travelling days are done. (repeat last two lines)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heav'n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived of the virgin Mary born,
He in whom I have believed: God Almighty Three in One

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died;
Laid with in the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide;
For the stone sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose;
Into heaven made his entry, mighty conqueror of his foes.

At God's right hand he is seated till his coming, as he said;
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son
To apply salvation's merit God, the Spirit, Three in One.

I believe the church of Jesus, universal, ever remains;
We are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised
To eternal life in heaven ever let his name be praised.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 53-56

Leader: Which is the third commandment?

All: The third commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Leader: What is required in the third commandment?

All: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Leader: What is forbidden in the third commandment?

All: The third commandment forbids all unworthy use of anything by which God makes himself known.

Leader: What is the reason attached to the third commandment?

All: The reason attached to the third commandment is that though the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the LORD your God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgement.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Hymn of Assurance

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Hymn 535

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;

how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Baptism (8:30) Charlotte Ann Helms, covenant child of Justin and Jody Helms

Church Announcements

Prayer for Offering

Doxology (with Alleluias)

Hymn 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

Jeff Smith

Scripture Reading

I Thessalonians 4:1-12

¹ Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

⁹ Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰ for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Sermon

“Living to Please God”

Mike Ross

Hymn of Rejoicing

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Hymn 468

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living one, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

All Bible quotations are ESV, unless otherwise noted. Hymn numbers are from the Trinity Hymnal 1990.
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Sermon Questions for October 17, 2021
Living in the Will of God - “Living to Please God”
I Thessalonians 4:1-12

1. What did Pastor Ross mean by some people living as “spiritual minimalists”? Do you believe such is the case?
2. Why would Pastor Ross say that most of the “grace people” in the Church are minimalists?
3. Were you surprised to hear that Peace Church is not a good giving church? What do you think are the reasons for this?
4. What were Paul’s three reason for living to please God?
5. Does the reality that we will never be perfectly holy discourage some people from trying to lead a holy life? Is this reality an excuse for sinning or a true source of discouragement? What is the Biblical answer to those who bring up this dilemma?
6. What is Paul referring to when he uses the word “vessel”?
7. What two reasons does Paul consistently give for why we should avoid sexual immorality?
8. Why were laziness and a refusal to work such huge problems in Paul’s day? Why are they huge issues in the American culture?
9. What three goals does Paul set before every Christian in relation to our work?
10. Paul gives three reasons why honest, fruitful and gainful employment are important. What are these three motivations?
11. Rodney Stark, in his book “The Rise of Christianity”, explain the impact of the Christian view of sexual morality and honest work. How did these Christian lifestyle choices affect the Roman Empire? How might they help change America today?