Order for the Public Worship of God

LORD'S DAY - August 23, 2020 at 10:30 am

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, "Ps 92:1-2"

Welcome & announcements

Prelude (Silent prayer and heart preparation for worship)

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Psalm 103) ... #76

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To his feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, Praise him, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor, To our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same for-ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Praise him, praise him, Praise him, Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes; Praise him, praise him, Praise him, praise him, Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him, Dwellers all in time and space. Praise him, praise him, Praise him, Praise with us the God of grace.

*Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen"

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer

Prayer of Confession of Sin

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

James 1:19-21

Assurance of Pardon

II Corinthians 5:21

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

*Hymn of Preparation

"Arise My Soul Arise"

... #305

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

* *Chorus:* Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, Arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father Abba Father" cry! *

Morning Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering (Offering boxes in front)

"Here Is Love"

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood; When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood. *Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten, throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above; Heaven's peace and perfect justice, kissed a guilty world in love.

In your truth You always lead me, by your Spirit in your Word And your grace my need is meeting, as I trust in You my Lord Of your fullness, you are pouring, your great love and power on me Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to You*

Reading of God's Word: Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:1-21

Preaching of God's Word ... Mr. Jon Sonbuchner

The Son of Man Lifted Up

*Closing Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

... #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father, There is no shadow of turning with thee: Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

"Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!" Morning by morning new mercies I see: All I have needed thy hand hath provided— "Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

*Benediction

(*Congregation standing, as you are able)

Sermon Notes: