

MARCH 16, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Service**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Supplement Hymn #26** **“Sing Praise to God”**
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“All Hail the Power”**

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown him Lord of all.

Scripture Reading **Luke 23:1-25**

Choral Anthem **“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

Stricken, smitten and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected! Yes, my soul, 'tis he! 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis a true and faithful word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends thru' fear His cause disowning, foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
But the awful stroke that pierced him was the stroke that justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great;
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed! see who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation; here's the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation: His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded! sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #181** **“O Dearest Jesus”**
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Sermon **“Evading the Truth about Christ”**

Such of the elect as are converted at riper years, having sometime lived in the state of nature, and therein served divers lusts and pleasures, God in their effectual calling giveth them repentance unto life.

Whereas there is none that doth good and sinneth not, and the best of men may, through the power and deceitfulness of their corruption dwelling in them, with the prevalency of temptation, fall into great sins and provocations; God hath, in the covenant of grace, mercifully provided that believers so sinning and falling be renewed through repentance unto salvation.

This saving repentance is an evangelical grace, whereby a person, being by the Holy Spirit made sensible of the manifold evils of his sin, doth, by faith in Christ, humble himself for it with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorrency, praying for pardon and strength of grace, with a purpose and endeavour, by supplies of the Spirit, to walk before God unto all well-pleasing in all things.

As repentance is to be continued through the whole course of our lives, upon the account of the body of death, and the motions thereof, so it is every man's duty to repent of his particular known sins particularly.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XV
“Of Repentance unto Life and Salvation,” Sections 1-4

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

***Hymn #269** **“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”**
AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Invocation

Psalter Hymn #65A **Psalms 65:1-5**
WEBB

Scripture Reading **II Corinthians 6:1-7:1**

Announcements

Offertory **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty -
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

***Hymn #87** **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**
NICAEA

Sermon **“The Church as God's Temple”**

The catholic or universal church, which (with respect to the internal work of the Spirit and truth of grace) may be called invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

To each of these churches thus gathered, according to his mind declared in his word, he hath given all that power and authority, which is in any way needful for their carrying on that order in worship and discipline, which he hath instituted for them to observe; with commands and rules for the due and right exerting, and executing of that power.

As all believers are bound to join themselves to particular churches, when and where they have opportunity so to do; so all that are admitted unto the privileges of a church, are also under the censures and government thereof, according to the rule of Christ.

No church members, upon any offence taken by them, having performed their duty required of them towards the person they are offended at, ought to disturb any church-order, or absent themselves from the assemblies of the church, or administration of any ordinances, upon the account of such offence at any of their fellow members, but to wait upon Christ, in the further proceeding of the church.

As each church, and all the members of it, are bound to pray continually for the good and prosperity of all the churches of Christ, in all places, and upon all occasions to further every one within the bounds of their places and callings, in the exercise of their gifts and graces, so the churches, when planted by the providence of God, so as they may enjoy opportunity and advantage for it, ought to hold communion among themselves, for their peace, increase of love, and mutual edification.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XXVI
“Of the Church,” Sections 1, 7, 12-14

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing