

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 2, 2017

“I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”

John 17:4-5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 30 (p. 794)

Hymn of Preparation*

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” Hymn 299

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God and Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty and acknowledge that we fall short of your glory.

All: We confess that we have broken all your commandments and have taken for granted your saving grace.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near. In ourselves, we are unworthy, but in the Lord Jesus we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: All glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 63:7-9

“I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, ‘Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.’ And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.”

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“One There Is...” Hymn 186

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 70. *Which is the Seventh Commandment?*

A. The Seventh Commandment is, “You shall not commit adultery.”

Q. 71. *What is required in the Seventh Commandment?*

A. The Seventh Commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor’s chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

Q. 72. *What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?*

A. The Seventh Commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

John 19

Psalm of the Month (based on Psalm 33:1-12)

“You Righteous...” (verses 1-4) Hymn 43

Pastoral Prayer (based on Colossians 1:3-5)

Sermon

“The Crown of Thorns”

Pastor Ben Muresan

Mark 15:16-20

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” Hymn 648

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen.

LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When the Roman soldiers tormented and mocked Jesus by weaving a crown of thorns and putting it on his head, they were unintentionally displaying what Jesus accomplished in our redemption. In the Bible, thorns are symbols of God’s judgment for sin and disobedience. They are the result of the covenant curses that came about when Adam broke the covenant of works. And so when Jesus was crowned with thorns, God was demonstrating through sinful agents what Christ would accomplish for his people—he would bear the curse of our sins. The first Adam brought thorns; the second Adam bore our thorns in his flesh. And because Christ bore the crown of thorns, all those who trust in him will bear the crown of glory (1 Peter 5:4).

The reading is Galatians 3.

Questions:

1. Read Mark 15:15-20. How do you feel when you read about how Jesus was treated by the Roman soldiers? Why did he allow himself to be treated this way? How does Mark 10:32-34 help us understand Jesus’ willing obedience?
2. What does Mark 15:15-20 reveal about the sinfulness of man’s heart?
3. Read Genesis 3. What did the fall into sin bring about? What does Genesis 4 and 6 reveal about the effects of sin? How does covenant theology help us understand what Christ accomplished by his humiliation and death?
4. What do you learn about how to endure suffering and persecution from Jesus’ example? Read and discuss 1 Peter 2:18-25.