

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 13, 2017

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 33 (p. 796)

Hymn of Preparation*

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 55

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, you have made us as precious to you as your Son, Jesus Christ. You have made us righteous in him by nailing our sins to his cross.

All: Yet, despite this amazing love, we have again sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Our hearts have wandered into selfishness; we have neglected those who are hurting; we have been slow to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Humble our hearts through your grace that makes living for Christ our joy and delight. Displace our love for sin with greater love for Christ.

All: All glory be to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 1:5-6

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* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

2 Kings 6:1-23

Congregational Response

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” Hymn 381

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 85. *What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?*

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance to life, with the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. *What is repentance to life?*

A. Repentance to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and understanding of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God, with full intention of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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*

Hebrews 1

Congregational Response (based on Psalm 97)

“Jehovah Reigns” Hymn 63

Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 136:23-26)

Sermon

“Superior Even to Angels”
Hebrews 1:4-14

Pastor Ben Muresan

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” Hymn 165

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When Scripture records how people reacted when they met angels, the description is usually one of fear and awe. John, for example, fell down in worship before an angel and had to be instructed not to do so. We read in Revelation 22:8-9, “I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.’” Despite their splendor, we see in Scripture that angels are infinitely less infinite than Christ. They are mere creations of the Uncreated Creator; they are mere servants of the Sovereign. Consider these things as you work through the following questions and readings.

The reading is Ephesians 6.

Questions:

1. What is the Apostle Paul’s emphasis in Ephesians 6:10-20? How is his emphasis different from the worldview of materialism that many people in our society believe?
2. Read Hebrews 1. What divine names and descriptions are ascribed to the Lord Jesus? What works did he do that only God could do? How is he portrayed as divine?
3. What do you learn about angels in 2 Kings 6 and Daniel 10?
4. What was the angels’ ministry to Jesus during his earthly ministry? (Matt. 4:11; 28:2-7; Luke 22:43; John 1:51; Acts 1:10)
5. How does the author’s argument in Hebrews 1 apply to you?