
prelude

PAT DOLAN

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

Land of Rest – Traditional American melody/ Joseph Martin

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!

In thee no sorry may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

There is a Balm in Gilead – African American spiritual/ James Koerts

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

preparing our hearts

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

– 2 Corinthians 8:9_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon us, because the LORD has anointed us

All: To bring good news to the poor;

Leader: He has sent us to bind up the brokenhearted,

All: To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

– Based on Isaiah 61:1-2_{ESV}

Leader: In the name of Jesus, we come to offer ourselves to our God and King.

All: Amen.

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all his ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong:
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure
When lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save
From guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet,
And leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure
When this vain world shall be no more.

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Leader: O Lord God, maker of the heavens, the earth, and all that is within them; so also you have made us, a people you have set aside for yourself; a people called by your Holy Name. As we gather here in your presence by the grace you give, impress upon our hearts the praise and honor we owe you; instruct us in our need for your Son; and increase in us faith and obedience by your Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church*,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

** Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

What riches of kindness he lavished on us?
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Who can say, “I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin”?

– Proverbs 20:9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Gracious God and Father of lights,
Truly all good gifts come from you.
But we have taken credit for blessing and accused you of absence.
We confess that we have desired the things you can give
More than you, the Giver, and so we have been
Entitled, though undeserving; insatiable, though engorged;
Bored, though constantly occupied.
We have therefore not trusted you, not enjoyed you,
And not worshipped you as we ought.
We have not obeyed you as we must.
Forgive us when we are hardened and thankless, grumbling as we do.
Open the eyes of our hearts so that we may treasure Christ,
Who is ours by grace and whose we are by his sacrifice.
Grant us by the working of your Holy Spirit
Willful joy and sincere thanksgiving.
In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

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

– 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Leader: Psalm 90
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3–K.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

Series | “Romans, Part Four: Why We Serve”

Sermon | “A New Way To Think”

September 16, 2018

Romans 12:3-8 ^{ESV} | 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. Think Rightly About Your Offering
2. Think Rightly About Your Place in the Church
3. Think Rightly About Your Gifts

**** the gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: ...[S]peaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

– Ephesians 4:15-16_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymns.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and for his sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross. As we partake of these, your gifts of the bread and the cup, give us assurance that we are made whole by his body and our sins are pardoned through his blood. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior’s coming in glory. Hear us now through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord to thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, speaks pardon for my sake;
Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
This cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
He calls me his, I call him mine, My God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

“Not What My Hands Have Done,” Words: Horatio Bonar, Public Domain. Music: Woonny Kim.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me thine all in all." *

** Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. *

Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. *

When from my dying bed my ransomed soul shall rise,
"Jesus died my soul to save!" shall rend the vaulted skies. *

And when, before the throne I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet. *

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MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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announcements

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**** benediction**