

WELCOME AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Am Not Ashamed

Incoming worshipers may be seated

Gaither Vocal Band

ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WITH REVERENCE AND AWE Hebrews 12:28

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-5

Pastor Michael Leach

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah. Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

Hymn of Praise

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**Hark! The Song of Jubilee
O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

Pastor Michael Leach

Congregation Standing

Creedal Affirmation

The Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy, catholic* and apostolic church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

*Catholic means the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is CHRISTIAN- composed of those professing faith in God through Jesus Christ alone; UNIVERSAL-transcending nationality, race and geographic boundaries; and TIMELESS-- comprising believers from every age.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Congregation Standing

CONTRITION OF SIN

Congregation Seated

The Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 30:9 -10, 15-20

Elder Lloyd Yancy

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Isaiah 53: 5, 10, 11a

Elder Lloyd Yancy

Father, the glorious triumph over sin and death by our Lord Jesus, that we continually celebrate is starkly contrasted by our persistent descent into sin and rebellion against You. We confess that we have, again, failed to submit ourselves to You and Your laws. We have, again, asserted our lawless self-rule and self-reliance in defiance of You, our Creator and King. Our only hope for mercy is Jesus, upon whom was the chastisement that brought us peace. Jesus, alone, was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. It was Your will, Lord, to crush Him so that we would be accounted righteous. Please grant that this unrivaled act of our Savior preserves us in Your sight forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-5

Elder Lloyd Yancy

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Hymn of Thanksgiving

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

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The Reading of the Gospel

Romans 4:13-17, 22-25

Elder Lloyd Yancy

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. or the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring--not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist... That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

GROWTH IN THE FAITH

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Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 45, # 118

Q: What has God commanded us to ask of Him?

A: All things necessary for soul and body, which Christ our Lord comprised in the prayer which He Himself taught us.
Mt 6:33; Php 4:6; Jas 1:17; 1 Pt 5:7

Prayer of Intercession

Elder Lloyd Yancy

A constant vision of our holy God, enthroned in majesty, clothed with splendor, glorious in power, and beautiful in Holiness. Our increasing faith in our Triune God who is our only comfort in life and in death and who works all things together for our salvation.

Our demonstration of this faith in all areas of life, especially in our homes and in all our other activities of witnessing, evangelism and discipleship.

The integrity, justice, and uprightness in word and in deed, of all our public officials at all levels of government.

Physical healing and comfort to Karen, Belinda, Dee, Sherita and Joyce, but above all, for their spiritual growth and maturity.

Psalm of Preparation

Psalm 48:1-8

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Pastor Michael Leach

Text: Luke 24:13-32

Title: The Vital Transformation of the Victorious Truth

Reading of the Text, Prayer of Illumination and Proclamation

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

Are You Washed...?

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THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Kyle Tolbert

DISMISSAL

Hymn of Parting

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Congregation Standing

Doxology

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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

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:18

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

GRATIA VOBIS ET PAX