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REFLECTIONS

The heavenly dwelling is the incorruptible body which we shall put on in the resurrection. We are groaning now because what is to come is far better than what we now have.

John Chrysostom (c. 349-407)
Archbishop of Constantinople

Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians

Heaven is a home which is permanent. We have the promise of a home where Christ's followers will remain forever. . . . The Bible teaches that heaven is a home which is beautiful beyond every imagination. Heaven could not help but be so, because God is a God of beauty.

Billy Graham (1918-2018)
Our Eternal Home Devotional

GATHERING

Here I Am to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-2; 4-5, NIV

Leader: *Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

*Sing the glory of His name;
make His praise glorious.*

People: All the earth bows down to You;
they sing praise to You,
they sing praise to Your name.

Leader: *Come and see what God has done,
how awesome His works in man's behalf!*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

Jesus, I Come

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 5:17, NIV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Thy Mercy, My God

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Ephesians 1:18, NIV

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.

The Passing of the Peace

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.*

Children's Worship:

Parents who wish may send children in K5-3rd Grade to meet their leaders in the Lobby.

Isaiah 43

THE WORD

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 4:16-5:9, NIV

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

^{5:1} For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

*The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Dr. Jimmy Agan

Good, Better, Best: Experiencing God's Love by Faith and by Sight

COMMUNION

Confession of Faith **from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A #90**

Q: What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

A: At the day of judgment, the righteous . . . shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

All Communion bread is gluten-free.

Trays contain wine in the middle and grape juice in the outer rim.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served and we will all take them together.

SENDING

It Is Well with My Soul

Benediction

Colossians 3:15-16a, NIV

Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration