Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day October 27, 2024

Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Introit

How Great Thou Art

Call to Worship Revelation 1:5b-6

213 Opening Hymn

Glory Be to God the Father

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that by nature we are slaves to sin, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, asking that your grace might relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness that are pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-2, 5

The Doxology 567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Al Dipzinski

Choir

The 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. 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.

Anthem

Unison Scripture Reading

Special Music Ladies Ensemble

Carry Me Home

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Hymn Hymns of Grace #66

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Rev. Pete Scribner Sermon

Lamentations 3:24-40

Closing Hymn 476

It Is Well with My Soul

Numbers 6:24-26 Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Our prayer of confession was adapted from Calvin's 1543 Geneva Liturgy.

Featured Element of Worship: Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

This hymn would most likely be lost to us if it weren't for an English woman, Catherine Winkworth, who dedicated a significant portion of her work to the study and translation of German hymns and their authors from the middle ages on through to the 1800's. Her book, Christian Singers of Germany, is available for free download at www.ccel.org.

The German text of this hymn was written by Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708), son of a Lutheran minister and part of the German Pietist movement associated with Philip Jacob Spener. In 1676, a friend of Rodigast's named Severus Gastorius had grown seriously ill. This hymn was Rodigast's gift to Gastorius during this time. Gastorius not only recovered, but went on to compose the original tune to the poem (today's tune is a modern setting).

What is astounding to us in the hymn is its high view of God and His providence over all things. Perhaps in our minds, such a hymn would not be words of comfort during trial. But Rodigast reminds us that the proper response to God in such times is neither to forsake believing in His comprehensive sovereignty nor to shake our fist at Him and doubt His goodness. Rather, it is a quiet, humble submission, mixed with a faith-filled trust that God works all things out to their good and proper end. Sometimes, biblical truth hits heavy.

(Zack Hicks)

Romans 5:1-11

A Future and a Hope

Glory Be to God the Father

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Anthem



Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889; alt. CCLI# 594962

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Henry Smart, 1867

A Future and a Hope

Take no thought for tomorrow; just trust me for today.

I will lead and guide you, as you follow in My way.

Let Me show you unfailing love, just come and take My hand.

I will use you for My glory according to My perfect plan.

I have plans for you, plans for good and not for evil; I have plans for you, to give you a future and a hope. As your Father and Creator, I know your ev'ry need. You will find My love and mercy as you follow where I lead.

I have blessings in store, greater than you ever could imagine. I have love for you, more than you could ever comprehend. As you keep your eyes on Me, you will clearly see that I have great and glorious plans for you.

When you call upon My name, I will listen.
You are My child; I know your ev'ry care.
When you seek Me, you will find Me; just lift your voice in prayer.

I have plans for you, plans for good and not for evil; I have plans for you, to give you a future and a hope. As your Father and Creator, I know your ev'ry need. You will find My love and mercy as you follow where I lead.

I have blessings in store, greater than you ever could imagine.
I have love for you, more than you could ever comprehend.
As you keep your eyes on Me, you will clearly see that
I have great and glorious plans;
For I hold you in My hands.
I have great and glorious plans for you.

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Unison Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Special Music

Carry Me Home

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, Coming for to carry me home. A band of angels coming after me, Coming for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do, Coming for to carry me home. Tell all my friends I'm coming too, Coming for to carry me home.

Traditional Spiritual
Arr: Susan Thrift
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Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right 66



Words: Samuel Rodigast

Music: Jeff Bourque; arr. by Zack Stanton

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Lamentations 3:24-40

- ²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
- ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
- ²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
- ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;
- ²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope;
- ³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.
- ³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever,
- ³² but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
- ³³ for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.
- ³⁴ To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth,
- ³⁵ to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High,
- ³⁶ to subvert a man in his lawsuit, the Lord does not approve.
- ³⁷ Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it?
- ³⁸ Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come?
- ³⁹ Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins?
- ⁴⁰ Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

Sermon Notes...Lamentations 3:24-40

We place our hope in God.

Patient by His Power

Confident in His Character

It Is Well with My Soul

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Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9.ref. Philip P. Bliss, 1876 WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

<u>The Flowers</u> adorning our worship this morning have been provided this morning by Mark & Kim Freeman in celebration of their son-in-law Jared's birthday, and Jim & Chris Campbell, to the glory of God.

<u>Fellowship Luncheon</u> - The Martha Mary Circle will be hosting a pulled pork sandwich luncheon after worship today. There is no charge for the lunch, but donations are greatly appreciated to help support the great work that the Martha Mary Circle does on behalf of the church! There will also be a bazaar table in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Communion</u>: We will partake of the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Throughout this week, be sure to prepare your hearts to come to the table.

Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas are being prepared again this year by the Martha Mary Circle. Any donated non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted, (purchased in 2024). Ideas for food may donations include: Canned meats, canned dinners, boxed meals, peanut butter & jelly, condiments, boxed Velveeta Cheese, Chunky Soups & canned vegetables, breakfast foods, turkey dinner fixings. Laundry soap and toilet tissue are also needed. Any money donated specifically to this effort will be used to purchase turkeys, hams, and other items for each family's basket. If you know of a family in need of a basket (two requests per person), there are sign-up forms on the desk in the Church Office. Thank you!

<u>New Members Class</u> - In addition to our regular Sunday School class, we will be holding a new members class during the Sunday School hour throughout the month of November. If you are planning on attending, please sign up in the office. If you would like more information, give Pete a call (618-795-4319).

<u>Free Resources</u> - At our free resources table (under the television in the narthex) we make various items available that might be a benefit to your Christian growth. Most importantly, if you need a Bible, please take one home with you! *Tabletalk* and *Our Daily Bread* (two devotional guides) can also be found there, as can CDs of out worship services, made available shortly following each service. Please take one or request one from a past week, either for yourself or to share it with someone.

This Week at Calvary

followed by Fellowship Luncheon (NO Sunday School)

loday	9:40 Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00 Worship Service

Tuesday 2:00 Tuesdays at Two

Thursday NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday Office Closed

Next Sunday 9:40 Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)

10:00 Worship Service with Communion

followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship

11:30 Sunday School

<u>Daylight Saving Time</u> ends next weekend. Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night so that you arrive at the right time next Sunday morning!



<u>Next Sunday's Sermon Text</u> will be **Lamentations 3:40-66**. In addition to the <u>Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 100-103</u> (printed on the bulletin insert), spend some time this week meditating on this passage as you reflect on this week's service and look forward to our next gathering.

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Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

Calvary Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024



Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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Meditation for the Week: Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 100-103

Q100. What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence¹ and confidence,² as children to a father,³ able and ready to help us;⁴ and that we should pray with and for others.⁵

Q101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, *Hallowed be thy name*, we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known;⁶ and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.⁷

Q102. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. In the second petition, which is, *Thy kingdom come*, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;⁸ and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,⁹ ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it;¹⁰ and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.¹¹

Q103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, *Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, ¹² as the angels do in heaven. ¹³

¹Psalm 95:6.

² Ephesians 3:12.

³ Matthew 7:9-11; Luke 11:11-13; Romans 8:15.

⁴ Ephesians 3:20.

⁵ Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

⁶ Psalm 67:1-3; Psalm 99:3; Psalm 100:3-4.

⁷ Romans 11:33-36; Revelation 4:11.

⁸ Matthew 12:25-28; Romans 16:20; 1 John 3:8.

⁹ Psalm 72:8-11; Matthew 24:14; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25.

¹⁰ Psalm 119:5; Luke 22:32; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5.

¹¹ Revelation 22:20.

¹² Psalm 19:14; Psalm 119; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20-21

¹³ Psalm 103:20-21; Hebrews 1:14