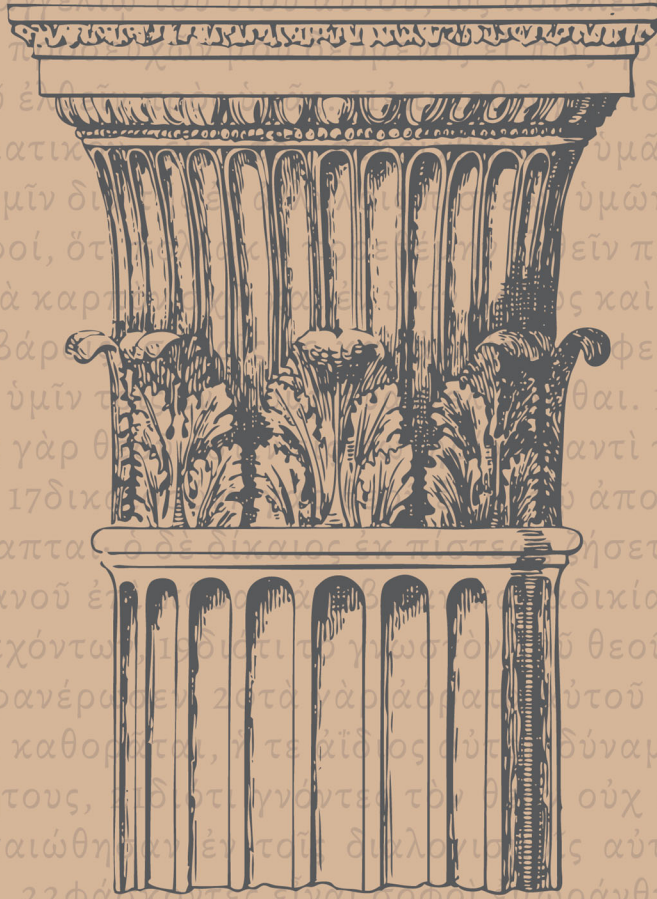


ROMANS



The Power of God for Salvation

April 21, 2024

grace

Grace Alone • Faith Alone • Scripture Alone • Christ Alone • Glory to God Alone

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 21, 2024 @ 10:30 am

When the Gathering Music begins, please assume a quiet and reverent attitude of worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

Beth McEwen — “Have Mercy on Me,”
“His Mercy Is More,” “I Exalt Thee”

PRELUDE / CHIMES

Judy Redeker — “All Glory Be to God on High” (J. Pachelbel)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Brewer

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 63

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads bold print)

Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.

**We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

**Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.
Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

-based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

†INVOCATION

Christian Brewer

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O
 2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! For our
 3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Je-sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n - ly

earth, His won - der - ful love pro - claim! Hail Him! Hail Him! high - est arch -
 sins He suf - fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e -
 por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for -

an - gels in glo - ry; Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!
 ter - nal sal - va - tion, Hail Him! Hail Him! Je - sus the cru - ci - fied.
 ev - er and ev - er; Crown Him! crown Him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard His chil - dren; In His arms He
 Sound His prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows, Love un - bound - ed,
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious; Power and glo - ry

car - ries them all day long.
 won - der - ful, deep, and strong! Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His
 un - to the Lord be - long!

ex - cel - lent great - ness! Praise Him! Praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

(Congregation reads bold print)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended to hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.**

From there He will come 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.**

*(*catholic = universal)*

†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

“Rock of Ages”

ROCK OF AGES



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When my eyes shall close in death;



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy wound - ed side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.



Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815
 Music: Thomas Hastings, 1830

The Congregation will be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Congregation reads bold print)

As Christians, we rebel against God's law, and because we do, we're called to confess our sins and to repent of our sins. It's not because the sins are merely a matter of our self-expression, but because they are objectively, morally wrong sins against God. When we confess our sins, we don't go before God to confess feeling badly about what we do. We go to God to confess our sins because we have broken his law.

Holy God, we realize that You know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before You now asking You to show us our sin, to make us aware of our failings, to open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need Your wisdom and guidance to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without Your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance that only comes from You. Do Your transforming work in us so that we can live as Your redeemed people in the world. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

PASTORAL PRAYER

Christian Brewer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Congregation reads bold print)

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 GOSPEL'S ASSURANCE OF GRACE

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for the good person someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — *Romans 5:6-9*

SONG OF PREPARATION

"The Solid Rock"

THE SOLID ROCK



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood, Sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;



I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale, My an-chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His right-ous - ness a - lone, Fault-less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



**READING AND PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD**

Dr. Jon Jacobs— *“The Assurance of Glory”* (Romans 5:1-11)

PRAYER For Application of the Word

†BENEDICTION / RESPONSE *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*
(Doxology) *Praise Him, all creatures here below;*
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†POSTLUDE *If you have questions about today’s message, salvation through Jesus Christ, or our church, several of our Elders will be at the front of the Sanctuary following the Benediction.*

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION (9:15 am)

“Redemption Accomplished and Applied” — Led by Jerry Pedine in Classroom A.
“Distinctives of Grace” — Led by Christian Brewer in Classroom B.
“Rejoicing in Christ ” —Led by Andre Schoeffler in the Fellowship Hall.

ReformerZ (YOUTH) SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:15 am in the Youth Room)

The Westminster Confessions of Faith. The Youth will be studying both the Shorter and Longer Catechisms.

CHILDREN AND NURSERY (9:15 am in the Kids Room)

Nursery (3-36 months). Childcare provided in the infant nursery. Classroom D
Children (3-11 years). Generations of Grace curriculum is used. Students memorize catechism questions which introduce them to the doctrines of the faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE (Child care available)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY (6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall)

“Rethinking the Book of Revelation” — led by Dr. Jacobs during April.

ReformerZ - (6:30 pm in the Youth Room)

The youth will study what the Bible teaches about justification and how we can be assured of our salvation in Christ.

Covenant Kids- (6:30 pm in Classroom B) - The class is modeled after a Sunday morning worship service. The children learn and memorize the catechisms, learn hymns, read the scripture, pray and close with a doxology.

ELDERS / CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Listed below are the Elders of Grace, with their areas of oversight. If you have special needs, contact your Elder. Last names beginning with

- A-B:** Andy Williams (Treasurer)
- C-G:** Jerry Pedine (Education, Youth, Clerk of Session)
- H-M:** Andre Schoeffler (Deacons)
- N-R:** Scott Tallman (Sacraments)
- S-V:** Keith Matthews (Missions)
- W-Z:** Doug Brownsberger (Members and Visitors, Fellowship)

DEACONS

Kurt Spangenberg (Chairman),
Leonard Celaya, Mike Fann,
Jonathan Riley, Jacob Wallace,
Mike Ziegenbein

COFFEE is served from 9:00 until 9:15, and from 10:00 until 10:15 each Sunday morning. We ask that food and drink not be brought into the Sanctuary.

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ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES
Wireless hearing units are available on the table near the sound booth.