

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 28:6-9

Leader: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

All: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn*

Hymn 8

Mighty God, While Angels Bless You

Mighty God, while angels bless you, may a mortal sing your name?
Lord of men as well as angels, you are every creature's theme.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Lord of every land and nation, ancient of eternal days,
Sounded through the wide creation be your just and lawful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

For the grandeur of your nature, grand beyond a seraph's thought,
For created works of power, works with skill and kindness wrought.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

But your rich, your free redemption, dark through brightness all along,
Thought is poor, and poor expression, who dare sing that wondrous song?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Brightness of the Father's glory, shall your praise unuttered lie?
Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence, sing the Lord who came to die.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

From the highest throne in glory, to the cross of deepest woe,
All to ransom guilty captives, flow my praise, forever flow.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Our sins weigh heavy on our hearts and they burden our souls. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a renewed desire to serve you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, for we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Hymn

Hymn 97

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise. Amen.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be. Amen.

Prayer

Sermon

“The Basis for the Church’s Unity”
Ephesians 4:4-6

Rudy Manrique

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

Hymn 347

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 heav’n 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 ev’ry nation, yet one o’er 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 ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

‘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. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.