



LORD'S DAY | May 5, 2024

A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** 1 Chronicles 16:23-31
(responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.**

*Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.*

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
Tremble before him, all the earth!
The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us worship the Triune God.

***OPENING HYMN:** No. 15, "[Stand Up and Bless the Lord](#)"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: Luke 18:10-14

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, 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, with true sorrow asking that your grace will 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 pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(John Calvin)

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

***PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS:** based on The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 56
(responsive - **Congregation in bold**)

Christian, what do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins, nor my sinful nature, which I will struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace, God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** No. 336, "[Spirit, Strength of All the Weak](#)"

INSTITUTION OF BAPTISM

***PROFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed
(page 845 in red Trinity Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

***HYMN:** No. 457, "[Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)"

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

***THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW:** [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

***GLORIA PATRI:** [No. 734](#)

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: [Proverbs 19:1-11](#)

NEW TESTAMENT: [James 5:1-6](#)

SERMON: *The Problem of Prosperity*

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE †

MEANING AND FENCING OF THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BREAD: No. 378, "[Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face](#)"

WINE: No. 613, "[Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah](#)"

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 642, "[Be Thou My Vision](#)"

**THE LORD COMMISSIONS US
WITH HIS BLESSING**

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: [No. 731](#)

POSTLUDE