



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Worship Service

Welcome

Pastoral Intern Jeff Sisemoore

Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:1-5

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LEADER: The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

PEOPLE: and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

LEADER: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

ALL: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Worship in Song

AND CAN IT BE

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN, AN INTEREST IN THE SAVIOR'S BLOOD
DIED HE FOR ME, WHO CAUSED HIS PAIN, FOR ME, WHO HIM TO DEATH PURSUED
AMAZING LOVE, HOW CAN IT BE, THAT THOU MY GOD, SHOULDST DIE FOR ME?

CHORUS

AMAZING LOVE! HOW CAN IT BE, THAT THOU, MY GOD, SHOULDST DIE FOR ME?
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LONG MY IMPRISONED SPIRIT LAY, FAST BOUND IN SIN AND NATURE'S NIGHT
THINE EYE DIFFUSED A QUICKNING RAY, I WOKE THE DUNGEON FLAMED WITH
LIGHT
MY CHAINS FELL OFF, MY HEART WAS FREE, I ROSE, WENT FORTH AND
FOLLOWED THEE

NO CONDEMNATION NOW I DREAD; JESUS, AND ALL IN HIM, IS MINE
ALIVE IN HIM, MY LIVING HEAD AND CLOTHED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS DIVINE
BOLD I APPROACH THE ETERNAL THRONE AND CLAIM THE CROWN, THROUGH
CHRIST MY OWN

YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS
NOTHING CAN SEPARATE
EVEN IF I RAN AWAY
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS
I KNOW I STILL MAKE MISTAKES BUT
YOU HAVE NEW MERCIES FOR ME EV'RYDAY
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS

(AND) YOU STAY THE SAME THROUGH THE AGES
YOUR LOVE NEVER CHANGES
THERE MAY BE PAIN IN THE NIGHT
BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING
AND WHEN THE OCEANS RAGE
I DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME
(YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS)

THE WIND IS STRONG AND THE WATER'S DEEP
BUT I'M NOT ALONE HERE IN THESE OPEN SEAS
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS
THE CHASM IS FAR TOO WIDE
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D REACH THE OTHER SIDE
YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS

YOU MAKE ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR MY GOOD
YOU MAKE ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR MY GOOD

ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

ALAS, AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED, AND DID MY SOVEREIGN DIE?
WOULD HE DEVOTE THAT SACRED HEAD FOR SUCH A WORM AS I?
WAS IT FOR SINS THAT I HAD DONE, HE GROANED UPON THE TREE?
AMAZING PITY, GRACE UNKNOWN, AND LOVE BEYOND DEGREE

MY GOD, WHY WOULD YOU SHED YOUR BLOOD
SO PURE AND UNDEFILED
TO MAKE A SINFUL ONE LIKE ME
YOUR CHOSEN, PRECIOUS CHILD?

YOUR CHOSEN, PRECIOUS CHILD

WELL MIGHT THE SUN IN DARKNESS HIDE AND SHUT HIS GLORIES IN
WHEN CHRIST, THE MIGHTY MAKER DIED FOR MAN, THE CREATURE'S, SIN
THUS MIGHT I HIDE MY BLUSHING FACE, WHILE HIS DEAR CROSS APPEARS
DISSOLVE MY HEART IN THANKFULNESS, AND MELT MY EYES TO TEARS

Giving

Pastor Josh Creason

Pastoral Prayer

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Scripture Reading

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Acts 21:15-26

After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads.

Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled,[d] and from sexual immorality." Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Dean Faulkner

How Christ Builds Bridges - not Walls in the Church

Thriving Church

Acts 21:15-26

1. Jewish Welcome and Worship Greet Paul and His Gentile Companions (vv. 15-20a)
2. A Brewing Powder Keg Is Diffused by a Wise and Loving Solution (vv. 20b-25)
3. The Critical Thing Needed in Christian Community and Mission Today (v. 26).

Confession of Faith

Pastor Josh Creason

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 32, 54

Question 32: Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Question 54: What do you believe concerning the holy catholic* Church?

(*universal)

That the Son of God, out of the whole human race, from the beginning to the end of the world, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, by His Spirit and Word, in the unity of the true faith, a Church chosen to everlasting life; and that I am, and forever shall remain, a living member thereof.

Lord's Supper

Pastor Josh Creason

Song of Response

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

WE BOW OUR HEARTS WE BEND OUR KNEES

OH SPIRIT COME MAKE US HUMBLE

WE TURN OUR EYES FROM EVIL THINGS

OH LORD WE CAST DOWN OUR IDOLS

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS GIVE US PURE HEARTS

LET US NOT LIFT OUR SOULS TO ANOTHER

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS GIVE US PURE HEARTS

LET US NOT LIFT OUR SOULS TO ANOTHER

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Benediction

Pastor Dean Faulkner