
Faith in
Christ Alone
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Call to Worship:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

Hymn of Praise: #26 A Mighty Fortress

Prayer for God's Blessing

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, merciful and mighty, You love the world so much you sent your only Son to save it from itself.

May the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.

You give yourself to your people, so that with us the cities and towns of the world might glimmer with the glory of your mercy and justice.

Jesus, many are my distractions from your dream to drench the earth with your glory. Kindle in me a truer love for you and for others.

Holy Spirit, wash over us with renewing grace.

When I think about helping others who are hurting, I am gravely tempted to keep my light hidden, not to say, "I'll help."

I am overwhelmed at the brokenness in the world; I am saturated with the busyness of my life. Holy Spirit, wash over us with renewing grace**.**

Lord, I have sinned against you and against others by the things I have done and by the things I have left undone.

Holy Spirit, our hard and weary hearts are no match for your renewing grace. Take us back to our first love, when you loved us before we loved you.

Reorient us to the joy of your light, and turn our hearts outward in love. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

Assurance of Pardon:

Take courage. Jesus spent three days buried in the earth and rose to conquer the grave. He is the risen one with the power of an indestructible life; the Scripture calls him Faithful and True.

He is my daily bread, and his Father is my Father.

His Holy Spirit is given to anyone and everyone who asks for him. God has promised to shine through you into the world.

Our God is the living God, whose Son is the light of the world.

He is stronger than every darkness and destroys every idol that leads me away from him.

His mercy and justice have saved us, and it shines forth on the earth as he lives among us.

One day the whole earth will be drenched in his glory, and I am a part of that story.

Even now, by his grace, the glory of God glimmers in the light of our eyes.

Hymn: His Mercy is More

Hymn: #201 Grace that is Greater

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Romans 5: 1-11**

Sermon: Faith in Christ Alone

[1] Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; [4] and perseverance, character; and character, hope. [5] Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

[6] For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. [10] For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. [11] And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 1: 16-17

[16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. [17] For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

II Timothy 3: 16-17

[16] All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm 119: 14-16

[14] I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As *much as* in all riches.
[15] I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.
[16] I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word.

Romans 3: 21-24

[21] But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, [22] even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Galatians 2: 16; 3: 10-11

[16] knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

[10] For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." [11] But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

Philippians 3 :9

[9] and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Romans 8: 1-2

[1] *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

II Corinthians 5: 21

[21] For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Acts 16: 30-31

30 And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Communion

Hymn: #199 Arise, My Soul, Arise

Benediction

A warm welcome to our visitors today! You will find visitor and prayer request cards on the back of each pew. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate on the corner of the sound booth. You may also submit prayer requests there or directly to the pastor or deacon, who are Roger, Jeff and Pastor Robert.

Upcoming Announcements

The Women's Bible Study is pausing the study of "'James, The Relationship Between Faith and Works'" to delve into spiritual gifts. Join us at the Christian Center at 10 am on Monday to learn what your spiritual gifts may be.

November Mission
Midwest Food Bank