

Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
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Benediction & Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Prospective Members' Class. November 12. Here you will walk through our Statement of Faith and Book of Order with Pastor Zach. A meal and childcare is provided for potential new members.



More details and registration at QR code provided.

Member's Meeting. November 19. Immediately following the Sunday gathering. Observers welcome; covenant members participation only. We will elect our 2024 officers, commend elder resolutions, receive any new members, and adopt the 2024 proposed budget. RSVP for food via Church Center app. Link on website: "Get Involved" > "Special Events"



Order of Worship

October 29, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer¹
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure

¹ Ebenezer is transliterated from the Hb. *éḇen hā-ézer*, which means "the stone of help." It's a reference from 1 Sam 7 where the Lord defends the people from an attack at the place they had gathered to worship. Samuel takes a stone to mark the occasion where the Lord helped his people (1 Sam 7:12). Our own songs are markers of God's grace thus far and petitions for future grace—a New Covenant Ebenezer.

Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning.
I shall see Thy lovely face.
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen.
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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Hymn of Praise

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
lovingkindness as the flood:
when the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?

Song of Response

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in His day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

When this poor, lisping, stamm'ring tongue

Sermon
“Prepared for Service”
Exodus 2:11-25

1. God prepares us for service by giving us a holy discontentment with our current place.
 1. God showed Moses the need for a deliverer.
 2. God gave Moses a glimpse into his future as a deliverer.
2. God prepares us for service by allowing us to practice our for future work.
 1. God allowed Moses to experience opposition to train him for leadership.
 2. God allowed Moses to practice leadership before he lead the people of God.
3. God prepares people to do his will because he keeps his promises to deliver a people to himself.

Lord's Supper

If you are not a baptized believer, we ask that you refrain from this meal and use this time instead take this moment to reflect upon your life and seek the grace God freely offers to all who cast themselves upon Jesus.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ with gluten-sensitivities, our host will have dedicated elements available. They will look for your raised hand.

Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heav'n's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Of Your fullness You are pouring
Your great love on me anew
Without measure full and boundless
Drawing out my heart to You
You alone will be my glory
Nothing in the world I see
You have cleansed and sanctified me
You Yourself have set me free

In your truth You still direct me
by your Spirit through your word;
and your grace my need is meeting
as I trust in You, my Lord.
Of your fullness You are pouring
Your great love and pow'r on me
without measure, full and boundless,
drawing out my heart to You.

Words: William Rees; vs. 3, 4 attr. to William Williams; tr. William Edwards
Music: Robert Lowry

Public Reading of Scripture

John 1:35-51

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Affirmation of the Faith

Orthodox Catechism 8 & 9

Q 24: How are these articles² divided?

A 24: Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

Q25: Since there is but one God,³ why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A25: Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.⁴

Q26: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

A26: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,⁵ who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,⁶ is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.⁷

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,⁸ and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.⁹

He is able to do this because he is almighty God;¹⁰ he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.¹¹

Confession & Promise of Grace

² Recall last week's catechism recited the Apostles' Creed.

³ Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:4, 6

⁴ Matt. 3:16-17; 28:18-19; Luke 4:18 (Isa. 61:1); John 14:26; 15:26; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 4:6; Tit. 3:5-6 9-10)

⁵ Gen. 1 & 2; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15

⁶ Ps. 104; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11

⁷ John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5

⁸ Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25-26; Luke 12:22-31

⁹ Rom. 8:28

¹⁰ Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39

¹¹ Matt. 7:9-11