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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 97

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three
eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

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Psalm 104:24-35

Tune: O Worship the King

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians. 5:18-21

O Lord, great God,
all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether.

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.

O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.

Forgive us,
not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.
On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

WSC 33-36

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Psalm 100:3

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield,
Strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; Tune: Jeremy Casella

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-35

Pew Bible p. 874

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Counting Costs”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

HYMN OF SENDING

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us. Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us —all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding. Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding — all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying. Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying — all must be well.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: *Counting Costs*