

July 7, 2024 At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,

but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Psalm 78:1-7

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Christ the Risen King

Rise O Church and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell Sing as all the earth rejoices resurrection anthems swell Come and worship come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King

See the tomb where death had laid Him empty now its mouth declares Death and I could not contain Him for the throne of life He shares Come and worship come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King

Hear the earth protest and tremble see the stone removed with pow'r All hell's minions may assemble but cannot withstand His hour He has conquered He has conquered Christ the Lord the Risen King

Doubt may lift its head to murmur scoffers mock and sinners jeer But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer He is risen He is risen now receive the Risen King We acclaim Your life O Jesus, now we sing Your victory Sin or hell may seek to seize us but Your conquest keeps us free Stand in triumph stand in triumph worship Christ the Risen King

Psalm 23

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. *Deuteronomy 4:23-24*

Christ our savior calls us to follow Him in newness of life.

Yet we have preferred the known to the unknown, the comfortable to the challenging the safe to the disquieting.
We are like Israel who desired to return to the familiar slavery of Egypt instead of being led into the Promised Land.

Forgive us O Lord.

Forgive us our fear, mistrust, and rebellion.

Forgive us for not following where Christ leads.

Forgive us for closing our eyes to the splendor of what you have promised, for giving in instead of pressing on.

 \boldsymbol{O} Lord, give us victory over fear and doubt.

Restore to us hearts of trust and wills of obedience.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galations 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Cedric Ishmael Wargo

Child of the Living God

You are a child of the living God. Praise the Lord, amen.
You are a child of the living God. Praise the Lord, amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are a child of the living God. Praise the Lord, amen.
Text/Melody: Rebecca Hard

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do we believe?

We believe in one God the Father Almighty;

Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Psalm 8:1-2

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path For my love is often cold He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last. *(chorus)*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:18-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Following the Christ of God"

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Glori 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.

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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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my Light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all in all — Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied, For ev'ry sin on Him was laid – Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay — Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine — Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand, 'Til He returns or calls me home – Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Following the Christ of God