

ORDER OF WORSHIP – May 3, 2020

Call to Worship – Psalm 97:8-9

“Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD. For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.”

Hymn of Adoration – “O Worship the King”

Prayer of Adoration and Lord’s Prayer

Call to Confession – Psalm 32:1-4

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.”

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and merciful Father, we come weary and worn by “every weight, and sin which clings so closely.” Our every thought and action is tinged with our fallenness and sinfulness. So we run to You, this day, our eyes fixed on Jesus, “the founder and perfecter of our faith.” We thank you that He, “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame.” Father, forgive our many sins and count no iniquity against us. We rejoice that we are a blessed people, having been washed by the precious blood of the Lamb, our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. We make our plea in His great name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 32:5

“I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.’”

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 12:18-29

Pastoral Prayer

Concluding – “Let us pray...”

Lord Jesus, our hearts brim with longing today.
We long for one another, for the day when we might
gather again as your body, around your table of grace.
We long for your table, spread out for us in this wilderness,
where we feast upon the abundance of your house
and drink from the river of your delights.
We long for you, for your presence that is ours in the Supper.
It is your body broken and your blood poured out that alone
can strengthen our hearts and satisfy our thirst.

But until the day of our joyous reunion, teach us
to lament this absence in our lives. Teach us
to long for you, for your church, for your kingdom,
and for the day of your coming again. For on that day
you have promised to lead us up the mountain of God
where we will partake with you a banquet of rich foods
prepared for all peoples.

We pray this in the name of him who is the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation. Amen.

Scripture Reading – Revelation 19:1-10

SERMON – “A Golden Ticket”

Hymn of Thanksgiving – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”