

WELCOME AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Had It Not Been

Incoming worshipers may be seated

Gaither Vocal Band

ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WITH REVERENCE AND AWE Hebrews 12:28

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6

Pastor Michael Leach

".. Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

Pastor Michael Leach

Hymn of Praise

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Congregation Standing

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Creedal Affirmation

The Nicene Creed

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I 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, through 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 sits 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 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy, catholic* and apostolic church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

*Catholic means the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is CHRISTIAN- composed of those professing faith in God through Jesus Christ alone; UNIVERSAL-transcending nationality, race and geographic boundaries; and TIMELESS-- comprising believers from every age.

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.

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Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5, 9, 23-24, 40

Elder Lloyd Yancy

"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you... See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it... "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children-- .. 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.

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Isaiah 1:4a, 6:5-7

Elder Lloyd Yancy

Father, we are a sinful people. A people laden with iniquity, the offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! We confess that we have forsaken the LORD by continually breaking Your laws and trespassing against Your covenant. Surpassing the prophet Isaiah, we, too, are a people of unclean lips and are in desperate need of atonement. Even the Seraphim cannot provide the cleansing that we need. Only the utterly righteous life and precious sacrificial blood of our Lord Jesus is sufficient to atone for the grievous transgressions that we have committed against You. Merciful God, for Jesus' sake, alone, take pity on us, Your wayward sheep. By Your Spirit, grant us hunger for righteousness and a passion for holiness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1, 34

Elder Lloyd Yancy

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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Reading of the Gospel

Romans 3:27-30; 4:4-8

Elder Lloyd Yancy

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one--who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith... Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

GROWTH IN THE FAITH

Pastor Michael Leach

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 44, # 113

(#s 86-129 address Gratitude and Sanctification)

Q: What does the tenth Commandment require?

A: That not even the least inclination or thought against any commandment of God ever enter our heart, but that with our whole heart we continually hate all sin and take pleasure in all righteousness. Ps 19:7-14, 139:23-24; Prov 4:23; Mt 15:11, 19-20; Rom 7:7-8; Jas 1:14-15

Prayer of Intercession

Elder Lloyd Yancy

A constant vision of our holy God, enthroned in majesty, clothed with splendor, glorious in power, and beautiful in holiness.

Our increasing faith in our Triune God who is our only comfort in life and in death and who works all things together for our salvation.

Our demonstration of this faith in all areas of life, especially in our homes and in all our other activities of witnessing, evangelism, and discipleship.

The integrity, justice, and uprightness in word and in deed, of all our public officials at all levels of government.

Physical healing and comfort to Karen, Belinda, Dee, Sherita and Joyce, but above all, for their spiritual growth and maturity.

Psalms of Preparation

Psalms 128

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Pastor Michael Leach

Text: Jeremiah 7:1-8

Title: Forsake False Religion!

Reading of the Text, Prayer of Illumination and Proclamation

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

Glory to His Name (Down at the Cross)

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THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Kyle Tolbert

DISMISSAL

Hymn of Parting

We're Marching to Zion

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Doxology

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GRATIA VOBIS ET PAX