

WELCOME AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

Incoming worshipers may be seated

Mahalia Jackson

ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH REVERENCE AND AWE Hebrews 12:28

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:8; 15:4; 22:17

Pastor Michael Leach

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

Pastor Michael Leach

Hymn of Praise

The Solid Rock

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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 1 Kings 18:21; James 4:4; Hebrews 12:14

Elder Lloyd Yancy

Father, we persist in faltering between two opinions. Our mouths confess that the Lord is God, but our deeds declare that our bellies, desires, ourselves, are our god. We confess to you, Lord, that we have rebelled against You by defying Your laws. Enmity with You has proven to be of no concern to us as we have continued to pursue the fleeting pleasures of the world rather than the holiness without which no man shall see God. We repent, O Lord, of our willful disobedience and rebellion. Because of the unblemished righteousness and perfect satisfaction wrought by Jesus Christ on the cross, please forgive us. Dear Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and sanctify us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4,7-8

Elder Lloyd Yancy

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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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, # 114
(#s 86-129 address Gratitude and Sanctification)

Q: Can those who are converted to God keep these Commandments perfectly?

A: No, but even the holiest men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of such obedience,¹ yet so that with¹ earnest purpose they begin to live not only according to some, but according to all the Commandments of God.² ¹Ecc 7:20; Rom 7:14-15; 1 Cor 13:9; 1 Jn 1:8-10; Job 9:2-3; Ps 1:1-2, 19:13; Rom 7:22-25; Php 3:12-16; Jas 2:10-11

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.

Psalm of Preparation

Psalm 143:1-12

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Pastor Michael Leach

Text: Romans 8:31-39

Title: Rejoicing in Our Assurance of Salvation (Due To the Divine Triumph!)

Reading of the Text, Prayer of Illumination and Proclamation

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn

There's Power in the Blood

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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

Ephesians 1:17-21

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[May] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, .. give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, .. that you may know .. the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

GRATIA VOBIS ET PAX