

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28)

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derick Land

SILENCE FOR PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Isaiah 30:15, 18

Return and rest, and you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

The LORD waits to be gracious to you, and he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; therefore come and wait before him.

INVOCATION *

HYMN # 1 *

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, **open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things in your law**; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Marla Miles

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 30:8-18 (pew Bible p. 702)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 (pew Bible p. 983)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Bartenfield

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Portions of Isaiah 49:8-13

Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*An Orthodox Catechism** Q. 9-11*

Question 9: But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

Answer: **No, God created humans with the ability to keep the law. They, however, tempted by the devil, in reckless disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.**

Question 10: Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

Answer: **Certainly not. He is terribly angry about the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge he punishes them now and in eternity. He has declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."**

Question 11: But isn't God also merciful?

Answer: **God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty--eternal punishment of body and soul.**

HYMN # 156 *

His Forever

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Rod Walls

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S HONOR

HYMN # 381 *

The Solid Rock

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

Luis Ramirez Jr.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SERMON

Rod Walls

The Theme of Romans: The Gospel

Romans 1:16-17 (pew Bible p. 1116)

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN # 35 *

O Great God

BENEDICTION *

* *Congregation please stand.*