

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 5, 2024

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Bartenfield

SILENCE FOR PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Psalms 22:22-23

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

INVOCATION *

HYMN # 32 *

These Great Things

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

Debbie Howard

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 15-19 (pew Bible p. 199)

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (pew Bible p. 1174)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Derick Land

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

—Henry Thornton, 19th century abolitionist & reformer

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* *Congregation please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

An Orthodox Catechism Q. 80-81

Question 80: How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

Answer: **In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command he gave this promise: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.**

Question 81: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

Answer: **It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.**

HYMN # 328

Praise Ye the Triune God

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Rod Walls

HYMN # 180 *

And Can It Be?

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

Yvonne Otts

SERMON

Rod Walls

Two Different Kinds of People

Romans 8:5-8 (pew Bible p. 1122)

HYMN # 319 *

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

BENEDICTION *