

The Lord's Day
January 10, 2021

Sunday Morning Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.
Presiding Minister – The Reverend Mr. Bart Lester
Assisting Minister – The Reverend Mr. Billy Joseph

Thoughts upon entering the Sanctuary: Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 49.
How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us? *First, He pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven - a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to Himself in heaven. Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Chris Rice

Call to Worship

*The Hymn 164 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1-6) AZMON

*The Invocation

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell**. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The 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, amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Public Reading of Scripture: Genesis 19:23-38

*The Psalter p. 80 Psalm 93 (v. 1-5) ST. MICHAEL/OLD 134TH

Special Music "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" arr. Donna Williams

The Sermon "Problem #1: Division"
I Corinthians 1:10-17

*The Hymn "Before the Throne of God Above" (v. 1-3)
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #277

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart. 2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God.

*Benediction

Postlude Psalm XX Gordon Young

Welcome to Eastwood

Our church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are asked to please sign the visitor's register in the pew pad and provide us the requested information so that we might welcome you.
We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day!

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

January 10, 2021
5:30 P.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*The Hymn 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (v. 1-7) ST. ANNE CM

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure. 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same. 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. 5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years. 6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day. 7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

*The Invocation

The Public Reading of Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13

Missions Moment

Congregational Prayer

*The Psalter Psalm 130 (v. 1-8) MARTYRDOM

1. Lord, from the depths to Thee I cried. 2. My Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice and hearken to my supplicating plea. 3. Lord, who shall stand if Thou, my Lord, shouldst mark iniquity? 4. But yet with Thee forgiveness is, that men may rev'rence Thee. 5. I wait, my soul awaits the Lord; my hope is in His word. 6. More than the watchmen wait for morn my soul waits for the Lord. 7. O Israel, hope in the Lord; the Lord saves graciously. 8. And He shall Israel redeem from all iniquity.

The Sermon "Clear Vision" Rev. Ross Hodges
Mark 8:22-26

*The Hymn 128 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" (v. 1-6) DUNDEE

1. God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm. 2. Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will. 3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head. 4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face. 5. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r. 6. Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

*Benediction

Announcements

Adult Sunday School

We will continue to have our Missionary Sunday school class on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am. This class meets in FHB. Currently no childcare is provided. Please see the weekly email reminders for the schedule of speakers.

Psalm/Hymn of the Month:

In order to aid our congregation, and our covenant children in particular, in becoming more familiar and comfortable with the theologically rich and biblically faithful psalms and hymns that we sing, we are beginning the practice of having a psalm or hymn of the month. Each month we will highlight a psalm or hymn that we will sing several times, and we will provide handouts for you to take home and links to the music through the weekly emails. We encourage everyone to use the month to sing through the psalm or hymn regularly, meditating on the truths of Scripture that the song expresses. We also encourage families to make use of these songs in their family worship, using the month as a time when their children can memorize many of the verses through repetition. May 2021 be a year when we begin to hide God's Word in our heart through song!

COVID Precautions Reminder

With the recent rise in COVID-19 infections in our community, we want to remind you of a few precautions we have suggested during the worship services.

Distancing: Sit only in the pews marked with blue tape and sit toward the aisle. By staggering the row seating, we can safely distance.

Masks: A face covering is most effective when worn while entering and leaving the church service and when talking and singing.

Illness: If you are feeling ill or have a fever on a Sunday morning, please stay home for the safety of your fellow church members and enjoy the service online.

WIC Winter Bible Study

The Women's Winter Bible Study will meet Tuesdays at 10am beginning Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in the Fellowship Hall. We will go through the book *Esther The Hidden Hand Of God*, by Lydia Brownback. Susan Dunn & Lain Hodges will co-lead this study. The book can be ordered through Amazon. Childcare is being offered for this study, if you plan to attend this study and will need childcare; please contact Lynn Grace at lynngrace@eastwoodchurch.org. Be sure to have completed chapter 1 of the book and be ready to discuss.

Reformation Book Club: A Theology of Remembrance

You are invited to a monthly book review of a Protestant Reformer. Our desire is to examine their life in regards to their Christian faith and courage. We meet from 7-8:15pm at Doug and Gertie Hudson's home (8921 Green Chase Drive, Montgomery). If you plan to attend or have questions contact Doug by phone (334.593.4599) or email (doug.gertie@yahoo.com). In January we will meet on the 14th to discuss our next book, *John Wycliffe: The Morning Star of the Reformation* by Luke Walker. This book can be found at wrathandgrace.com.

The book for February is: *The John the Baptist of the Reformation: A Memoir of John Huss, the Bohemian Reformer and Martyr*.

Save the Date/2021 Missions Conference

The dates for our Annual Missions Conference have been set! Please make sure to mark February 25th-28th on your calendar. You don't want to miss this wonderful event in the life of our church.

*Congregation standing (if able) Please refrain from all applause.
Please silence all electronic devices. Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary
**For the explanation of "He descended into hell" see Larger Catechism Q/A 50

