

For Sinners Only

Our Savior Jesus Christ said: “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). He accomplished the salvation of his lost people in the breaking of his body and the shedding of his blood on the cross. In this way he fulfilled the very purpose for which he came—to die for us and our sins.

The Lord’s Supper which he gave to us commemorates, signifies and seals the outpouring of his life in love for us. His words of invitation to his table and his supper are ever with us as we observe this sacrament—“Take; eat; drink.” To whom are they addressed?

These words are not spoken to the one unconcerned with his lack of confession of faith in Christ as his Savior, not to the one self-satisfied in his own goodness. To whom then is the invitation given? This word of Christ comes to the one who knows with Isaiah that “*all* our righteousness is as filthy rags” in God’s sight (Isaiah 64:6). It is addressed to the one who is of a broken and contrite heart. It is the Lord’s gracious call to the one who is burdened and heavy laden—who cries out, “God be merciful to me the sinner.” To the one who says, “You, Christ, are alone my savior from sin.”

*Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

“Take; eat; drink.” Wonderful words of invitation—for sinners only, who are saved by God’s grace. The Lord said, “I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matthew 9:13). For repentant sinners the call comes ever anew at the table of our Lord: “This do in remembrance of me.”

*As often as you eat
this bread, and
drink this cup, you
do show the Lord’s
death till he come.*

1 Corinthians 11:26

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 286 *“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”*

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 524 *“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 392 *“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 394 *“This Day at Thy Creating Word”*

Sermon Text Romans 15:14-21, pew Bible p. 949

Sermon GLOBAL GOSPEL AMBITION-Dr. Bradley Bitner

THE LORD'S TABLE

*Hymn of Preparation # 426 *“Till He Come”!*

Celebrating the Supper

*Hymn of Response # 437 *“O God, to Us Show Mercy”*

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord) # 734

*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church.

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, March 8, 12:30pm. The annual meeting of the congregation and of the corporation will take place.

Our guest speaker this morning is Dr. Bradley J. Bitner. Dr. Bitner is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). He is currently Associate Professor of New Testament at Westminster Seminary, California.