

Spiritual Sight

In his great prayer for the Ephesian Christians, it is the desire of the apostle Paul that they might see these glories. If we are indwelt by the Spirit of God, he says, we become rooted and grounded in love. Our eyes are opened and we have a new perception of the abundant life which is found in Christ. Paul prays that the Ephesian Christians "...may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height" (Ephesians 3:18). How rich is the love of Christ in the heart of the believer! How powerfully it works, filling his life with new love and new joy!

Who is there who can measure this love? A modern hymn writer has said that if we were to take a pen and use all heaven for our scroll, we should only have begun to express the infinite riches of the love of Christ. That is what Paul means when he prays that the Ephesians might know the love of Christ which passes knowledge.

This is paradoxical—to know that which is beyond knowledge. Just as our minds stagger before the immensity of the heavens, they stagger also before the manifold grace and love of Christ. But though we are staggered, nevertheless God has given us sight. We grasp this love falteringly and express it in broken words; but we see it in Christ and experience it in our lives.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us..." (1 John 3:1).

*We have not
received the spirit of
the world but the
Spirit who is from
God, that we may
understand what
God has freely given
us.*

1 Corinthians 2:12

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 53 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 80 *“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD’S ASSURANCE

The Law of God Matthew 22:37-40

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 # 60 *“Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord”*

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 198 *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”*

Sermon Text Isaiah 48:1-11, pew Bible p. 608

Sermon HEAR THIS, O HOUSE OF JACOB

*Hymn of Response # 508 *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord) # 734

*The Lord’s Benediction

Announcements

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 Joshua. 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, May 3. 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. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord’s Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.

Sunday, May 3. The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting to be held immediately after the morning worship service.