

Healing Waters

In his ministry Christ spoke of a fountain of healing water. He said that if we come to him in faith, we receive in our hearts a fountain of water, one that is so great that it will flow like the source of a mighty stream.

When Christ said this, he was speaking of the Holy Spirit, who indwells everyone who believes. Through the work of the Holy Spirit the believer has great resources within himself. He is not dependent upon some outside source of life that might be taken away from him. Instead, within his very being has been placed a fountain of water, which is a blessing to him and to those who are around him.

What joy the Christian has, because of the Spirit who dwells in his heart! Even when he is almost overwhelmed by the ills of this life, he still has in his heart the source of all comfort and joy. Who else then one filled with the Holy Spirit could have the joy and peace of Horatio Spafford, who after suffering the loss of his business interests in the great Chicago fire, was informed of the deaths of his four daughters by shipwreck. Yet, as he sailed the same route to meet his grieving wife, he was moved to write the hymn,

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Peace and joy which passes all understanding are promised to the one who believes on Jesus Christ. A fountain from within, rivers of healing waters!

If you hunger and thirst after the righteousness and the peace of God, do not turn away but come in answer to the invitation of Christ. Receive the blessing of the waters of God's spirit. The message of God is the same today as yesterday, “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” (Isaiah 55:1)

*For I will pour water
on the thirsty land,
and streams on the
dry ground; I will
pour my Spirit upon
your offspring, and
my blessing on your
descendants.*

Isaiah 44:3

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 660

“O God beyond All Praising”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 602

“O God, My Faithful God”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe thy Word nor follow thy holy commandments. Remember thy goodness, we beseech thee, and for thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 463

“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 140

“O Word of God Incarnate”

Sermon Text

Isaiah 48:12-16, pew Bible p. 609

Sermon

THE LORD LOVES HIM

THE LORD'S TABLE

*Hymn of Preparation # 429

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

Celebrating the Supper

*Hymn of Response # 162

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Prayer Meeting. Church doors will open at 10:00am for gathering and sharing prayer requests. Prayer will begin at 10:15am. Children are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to be added to the prayer request email list, please see Jessica Verby.

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

Today. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church immediately following the congregational meeting. 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.