

THE LORD'S DAY

July 28, 2024

10 O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

**O come, let us sing to Yahweh!
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

**For the LORD is a great God, and a great King
Above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of His hand.*

*HYMN OF ADORATION

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

“This is For You”

Forty Reflections on the Sacrament of Communion

“Our Need” Jimmy Hopper

“There are some who define in a word, that to eat the flesh of Christ and to drink His blood, is no other than to believe in Christ Himself. But I conceive that in that remarkable discourse in which Christ recommends us to feed upon His body, He intended to teach us something more striking and sublime; namely that we are quickened by a real participation of Him, which He designates by the terms eating and drinking, and no person might suppose the life which we receive from Him to consist in simple knowledge.”

—John Calvin, from *The Institutes of Christian Religion*

The Reformed Church has believed for centuries that Holy Communion is more than just a remembrance or some bit of sentimentality regarding the Lord and His love for His people. The Church believes that it is a means of grace and that we are very truly fed spiritually when we participate in the sacrament.

From the quotation above, Calvin goes on to say that simply seeing the bread, knowing it is there, does not give nourishment to the body. We must eat the bread before we are nourished. He speaks of knowledge and there is certainly knowledge of what the sign is, and what it signifies, but there is more. The Holy Spirit quickens believers who take Communion in faith in a very real way. Through this work of the Spirit, in a way filled with mystery, we are confirmed in the covenant and strengthened again by His grace. We feel no electrical surge in this, no physical or even emotional difference, but we are comforted, confirmed, and strengthened.

As we consider receiving this grace in Communion, we begin to long for it more and more. We may not wake up on Sunday morning thinking of this longing but when the hour comes, we are satisfied through the physical elements, the bread and the wine, taken in faith, and this satisfaction is spiritual—we have participated in the body and blood of Christ as He proclaimed that evening two thousand years ago when the Supper was instituted. Our spiritual satisfaction becomes deeper each time we partake, for we need grace. We need it ever more desperately, and the Lord has wonderfully made it available to us in worship and in a special way, through Holy Communion. We can never have enough.

29 Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to Libnah and fought against Libnah.

30 And Yahweh gave it also and its king into the hand of Israel. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it; he left none remaining in it. And he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

40 So Joshua struck the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but devoted to destruction all that breathed, just as Yahweh God of Israel commanded.

41 And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, as far as Gibeon.

42 And Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because Yahweh God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

Evening Worship at 6pm.

Joshua Rodriguez, our intern, will be preaching from Luke 15, about the Prodigal Son. We will have pizza and a time of fellowship after the service.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

A Westminster Creed

I believe in the one true and living God.

I believe there are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

I believe in God the Father who has foreordained all things.

I believe the Father made all things of nothing, by His powerful Word, in the space of six days, and all very good. The Father, by His providence, preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God's elect.

I believe that our Lord Jesus endured the miseries of this life, the wrath of God for us, the cursed death of the cross, and burial. He rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and will come to judge the world on the last day.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who effectually applies the redemption of Christ to His elect.

I believe by the Holy Spirit's sovereign grace we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent through Jesus our Savior. Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalm 32:1,2,10,11

**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

*Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no
iniquity, and in whose spirit is no deceit*

Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice O righteous!

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Ushers come forward at this time.*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Joshua 10:16-27,26,30,40-43
Pew Bible Pg, 220-221

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Southern Conquest

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

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**Stand if you are able*

Scripture Reading

Joshua 10:16-27,29,30,40-43

16 These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18 And Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them,

19 but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for Yahweh your God has given them into your hand."

20 When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities,

21 then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

22 Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave."

23 And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." Then they came near and put their feet on their necks.

25 And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus Yahweh will do to all your enemies against whom you fight."

26 And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening.

27 But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.