

Sunday Service of Worship

May 21, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

~God Calls Us to Worship Him~

Isaiah 65:17-18 & 24-25

Leader: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

People: But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

Leader: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

People: Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

Together: The Wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain.

Hymn: *Shout for The Blessed Jesus Reigns... (#369)*

Prayer of Worship

~Confession of Sin~

Leader: Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us in II Corinthians 3:18 that You are "transforming us" from "one degree of glory to another" in Your own

image." Yet we have failed to trust and believe that great Wonder and receive that truth in our lives.

Together: We humbly confess our failure and pray that Your Holy Spirit will so astound us with this Glorious Reality that we will heartily rejoice and receive Christ's Glory with Eternal Joy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 32:4-5*

Hymn of Response: *From Out the Depths (#552)*

~God Instructs Us with His Word~

We Listen to God: *Exodus 24*

Sermon: *Holy Meals With God*

Song: *In Christ Alone – A Celebration of Life*
(CCLI#251645)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

We Confess our Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism Q. 86*

Q. Since, then we are delivered from our misery by grace alone, through Christ without any merit of ours, why must we yet do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit after His own image, that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for His benefits, and that He may be praised by us; then, also, that each of us may be assured in themselves of their faith by the fruits thereof, and that by our Godly walk our neighbors also may be won to Christ.

Q. 87 Can they, then, not be saved, who continuing in their wicked and ungrateful lives, do not turn to God?

A. By no means; for Scripture declares that no unchaste person, idolater, adulterer, thief, covetous person, drunkard, slanderer, robber, or any such like, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

We Bring Our Requests to God in Prayer

Doxology(#731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him
all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly
host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

~God Blesses and Sends Us Out~

Benediction

Announcements

Postlude

HOLY MEALS WITH GOD

Exodus 24:1-11, I Cor. 10:31

Intro: Peregova Village near Kiev, Ukraine: Beautiful
Corner Father ruling with grace and authority.

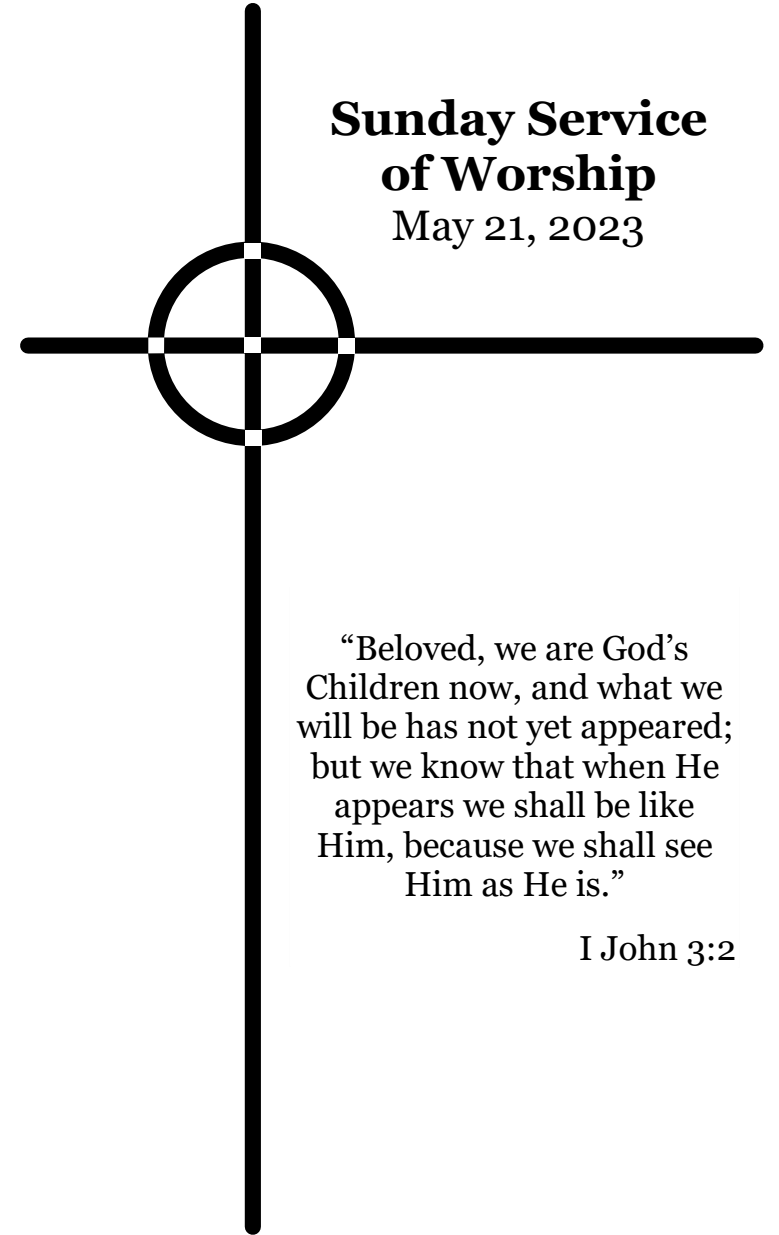
GOD IS CREATING OUR FAMILY MEALS
INTO CHRIST GLORIFYING FEASTS OF ETERNAL JOY

I. GOD THE FATHER IS HERE IN HIS GLORY :
v. 10 "...pavement of sapphire, clear as the sky"
resplendent majesty.

II. GOD THE SON IS HERE IN HIS LOVE v 5-6, Burnt Sacrifices
Where there are blood sacrifices, there is JESUS in the infinite
HORROR of His suffering/dying "finished" sacrifice- Central
Trauma of History.
Isaiah 40:11-12 Sovereign power linked to tenderest care.

III. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HERE IN HIS POWER v. 8
"Behold the blood of the Covenant." Transforming us back
into His "Image of God" GLORY.

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"Beloved, we are God's
Children now, and what we
will be has not yet appeared;
but we know that when He
appears we shall be like
Him, because we shall see
Him as He is."

I John 3:2

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