

The Order for the Worship of God

February 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."
(Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (Please turn your cell phone to "silent" mode. Thank you!)

Prelude

Deborah Davis

Call to Worship

from John 10 and Psalm 28

PASTOR: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

ALL: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped, and with my song I will give praise and thanks to him."

*Songbook #21

In Christ Alone

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Morning Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2:13-17

Sermon Series on Mark #9

Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer after which confess personal sins to God.

Merciful Father, we praise you that you are a God of grace and love. We thank you that your Son came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Yet, Lord, we confess how difficult it is for us to admit our need of your grace. Our self-righteousness dies hard. We pray that you would forgive us for our pride and enable us by your Holy Spirit gladly to receive and rejoice in your mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn #497

I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

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Postlude

Deborah Davis

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DR. SILMAN'S SERMONS are prerecorded and aired at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) each Sunday. A link to the sermon is sent out by email each week and may also be listened to on the church web page.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN benefitting The Center for Women ends today, Sunday, February 28th.

Words for Reflection

Here is the promise of the gospel and the message of the whole Bible: In Jesus Christ, we are given a friend who will always enjoy rather than refuse our presence. This is a companion whose embrace of us does not strengthen or weaken depending on how clean or unclean, how attractive or revolting, how faithful or fickle, we presently are. The friendliness of his heart for us subjectively is as fixed and stable as is the declaration of his justification of us objectively. - Dane Ortlund

The religious accused him of being a drunkard, a glutton and having tacky taste in friends. It is a profound irony that the Son of God visited this planet and one of the chief complaints against him was that he was not religious enough. - Rebecca Manley Pippert

God not only loves me as I am, but also knows me as I am. Because of this I don't need to apply spiritual cosmetics to make myself presentable to Him. I can accept ownership of my poverty and powerlessness and neediness. - Brennan Manning

IN CHRIST ALONE

**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.**

**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.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

I NEED THEE, PRECIOUS JESUS (Hymn Tune: AURELIA)

**I need you, precious Jesus, for I am full of sin.
My soul is dark and guilty, my heart is dead within.
I need the cleansing fountain where I can always flee,
The blood of Christ most precious, the sinner's perfect plea.**

**I need thee, precious Jesus, and hope to see you soon,
Encircled with the rainbow and seated on your throne.
There, with your blood-bought children my joy shall ever rise,
To sing my Jesus' praises, for he is my soul's prize**