

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 22nd November 2020

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing a hymn and a children's song

"Consider Christ" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TH1YlfxqbuQ>

"Why should you glorify God?" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4PXICUJBqY>

At 10.45am: Welcome

Scriptural call to worship – 2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Hymn: When peace like a river

When peace like a river attendeth my way
when sorrows like sea-billows roll;
whatever my lot you have taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul!'

*It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate
and has shed his own blood for my soul!

3. My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross; and I bear it no more
praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul!

4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ now to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No fear shall be mine, for in death as in life
You will whisper your peace to my soul!

5. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

**Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you
by thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us.**

**And strengthen us to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaring our faith together

What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

**We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have
a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love;
for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.**

(Heidelberg Catechism, question 28)

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 34

Prayers of intercession

Song: The Lord is my salvation (Who is like the Lord?)

The grace of God has reached for me

And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

2. I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation*

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

4. In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?

5. And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?

Bible reading – Luke 13:1-5

Sermon – God's providence 4: Let sorrow lead you to Jesus

Many people choose to suffer without Jesus

A Christian's life is safely built on Jesus

Genesis 1:31, "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good..."

Romans 5:12, "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned..."

1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God..."

Revelation 21:3-4, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away"."

God uses suffering to call us to turn to Jesus

Luke 13:1-7

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say: “Come unto me and rest”

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Final prayer and blessing

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