

MORNING WORSHIP
September 13, 2020
Rev. Ralph A. Pontier

Prelude *Organist, Stephanie Van Mersbergen*

Call to Worship *Psalm 67:1-7*

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise PH#121 *“O God, to Us Show Mercy”*

*God’s Greeting

Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*

Song of Confession PH#66:1,3,7,9 *“In Thy Wrath and Hot Displeasure”*

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 32:1-7*

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation PH#329 *“O Love of God, How Strong and True”*

Scripture Reading: **John 3:22-36**

Sermon Text: **John 3:22-36**

Sermon: *“He Who Is Above All”*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication PH#382 *“Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned”*

*Offering Announcement *The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (C.E.A.F.)*

*Doxology PH#376 *“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”*

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able.*

Morning Sermon Outline

He Who Is Above All

Scripture Reading: John 3:22-36, Pages 1223-1224

Sermon Text: John 3:22-36

I. Jesus’ Judean Ministry

II. John the Baptist’s Final Witness About Jesus

III. John the Evangelist’s Summary of the Supremacy of Jesus

Next Sunday Morning’s Sermon Text: *John 4:1-42*
“Jesus goes outside the covenant to gather true worshipers.”

PH 121 – “O GOD, TO US SHOW MERCY”

O God, to us show mer-cy
And bless us in Thy grace;
Cause Thou to shine up-on us
The bright-ness of Thy face;
That so Thy way most ho-ly
On earth may soon be known,
And un-to ev-ery peo-ple
Thy sav-ing grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise Thee,
Let all the na-tions sing;
In ev-ery land let prais-es
And songs of glad-ness ring;
For Thou shalt judge the peo-ple
In truth and right-eous-ness,
And through the earth the na-tions
Shall Thy just rule con-fess.

O God, let peo-ple praise Thee,
Let all the na-tions sing,
For earth in rich a-bun-dance
To us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us,
Our God shall bless-ing send,
And all the earth shall fear Him
To its re-mot-est end.

PH 66 – “IN THY WRATH AND HOT DISPLEASURE” (STZ. 1, 3, 7, 9)

In Thy wrath and hot dis-pleas-ure,
Chas-ten not Thy ser-vant Lord;
Let Thy mer-cy, with-out meas-ure,
Help and peace to me af-ford.

With my bur-den of trans-gres-sion
Heav-y la-den, o-ver-borne,
Hum-bled low I make con-fes-sion,
For my fol-ly now I mourn.

I am prone o halt and stumble,
Grief and sorrow dwell within,
Shame and guilt my spirit humble,
I am sorry for my sin.

Lord, my God, do not forsake me,
Let me know that Thou art near,
Under Thy protection take me,
As my Savior now appear.

PH 329 – “O LOVE OF GOD, HOW STRONG & TRUE”

O love of God, how strong and true,
E-ter-nal and yet ev-er new,
Un-com-pre-hend-ed and un-bought,
Beyond all know-ledge and all thought.

O heav-en-ly love, how pre-cious still
In days of wea-ri-ness and ill,
In nights of pain and help-less-ness,
To heal, to com-fort, and to bless.

O wide-em-brac-ing, won-drous love!
We read thee in the sky a-bove;
We read thee in the earth be-low,
In seas that swell, and streams that flow.

We read thee best in Him who came
To bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Fath-er from on high,
Our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save,
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection-light
We read the fulness of thy might.

O love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal love, in thee we rest,
For-ev-er safe, for-ev-er blest.

PH 382 – “MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRONED”

Ma-jes-tic sweet-ness sits en-throned
Up-on the Sav-ior's brow;
His head with ra-diant glo-ries crowned,
His lips with grace o'er-flow,
His lips with grace o'er-flow.

No mor-tal can with Him com-pare
A-mong the sons of men;
Fair-er is He than all the fair
Who fill the heaven-ly train,
Who fill the heaven-ly train.

He saw me plunged in deep dis-tress,
And sped to my re-lief;
For me he bore the shame-ful cross
And car-ried all my grief,
And car-ried all my grief.

To Him I owe my life and breath,
And all the joys I have;
He makes me tri-umph o-ver death,
And saves me from the grave,
And saves me from the grave.

PH 376 – “O CHRIST, OUR HOPE, OUR HEART'S DESIRE”

O Christ, our hope, our heart's de-sire,
Re-demp-tion's on-ly spring!
Cre-a-tor of the world art Thou,
Its Sav-ior and its King.

How vast the mer-cy and the love
Which laid our sins on Thee,
And led Thee to a cru-el death,
To set Thy peo-ple free.

But now the bands of death are burst,
The ran-som has been paid;
And Thou art on Thy Fa-ther's throne,
In glo-rious robes ar-rayed.

O Christ, be Thou our lasting joy,
Our ever great reward!
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord. Amen.

EVENING WORSHIP

September 13, 2020
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Prelude *Organist, Laura Wielard*

Call to Worship *Psalm 108:1-5*

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise PH#218 *“My Stedfast Heart, O God”*

*God’s Greeting

*Apostles’ Creed - PH, inside front cover

*Gloria Patri PH#491 *“Glory Be to the Father”
(unannounced)*

Psalm Reading: *Psalm 72*

Psalm Singing PH#135 *“Christ Shall Have Dominion”*

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation PH#391 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 4:1-13, 11:1-6**

Sermon Text: PH 14-15 **Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 7**

Sermon: *“True Faith”*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication PH#445 *“When Peace, Like a River”*

*Offering Announcement *The offering is for Wycliffe/Le Mahieu Family*

*Doxology PH#488 *“Now Blessed Be Jehovah God”*

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Evening Sermon Outline

True Faith

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13, 11:1-6 Pages 1375 & 1381-1382
Sermon Text: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 7, PH 14-15

I. The necessity of faith: will everyone be saved?

II. Who then will be saved?

III. What is true faith?

Next Sunday Evening’s Sermon Text: *Lord’s Day 8*
“Why do we call God triune?”

PH 218 – “MY STEDFAST HEART, O GOD”

My sted-fast heart, O God,
Will sound Thy praise a-broad
With tune-ful string,
The dawn shall hear my song,
Thy praise I will pro-long,
And where Thy peo-ple throng
Thanks-giv-ing bring.

Thy truth and ten-der love
Are high as heaven a-bove;
Thy help we crave.
Be Thou ex-alt-ed high
A-bove the loft-y sky;
Lest Thy be-lov-ed die,
O hear and save.

God's word shall sure-ly stand;
His Name through ev-ery land
Shall be a-dored;
Lord, who shall lead our host?
Thine aid we cov-et most,
In Thee is all our boast,
Strong in the Lord.

PH 135 – “CHRIST SHALL HAVE DOMINION”

Christ shall have do-min-ion O-ver land and sea;
Earth's re-mot-est re-gions Shall His em-pire be;
They that wilds in-hab-it Shall their wor-ship bring;
Kings shall ren-der trib-ute, Na-tions serve our King.

REFRAIN:

Christ shall have do-min-ion O-ver land and sea;
Earth's re-mot-est re-gions Shall His em-pire be.

When the need-y seek Him, He will mer-cy show;
Yea, the weak and help-less Shall His pit-y know.
He will sure-ly save them From op-pres-sion's might,
For their lives are pre-cious In His holy sight.

REFRAIN

Ever and forever Shall His Name endure;
Long as suns continue It shall stand secure;
And in Him forever All men shall be blest,
And all nations hail Him King of kings confessed.

REFRIAN

Unto God Almighty Joyful Zion sings;
He alone is glorious, Doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, Bless His glorious Name,
His eternal glory Through the earth proclaim.

PH 391 – “BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD”

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life a-new,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Un-til my heart is pure,
Un-til with Thee I will Thy will
To do and to en-dure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am whol-ly Thine,
Till all this earth-ly part of me
Glows with Thy fire di-vine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity. Amen.

PH 445 – “WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER”

When peace, like a riv-er, at-tend-eth my way,
When sor-rows like sea-bil-lows roll,
What-ev-er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
"It is well, it is well with my soul.

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

Though Sa-tan should buf-fet, though tri-als should come,
Let this blest as-sur-ance con-trol,
That Christ has re-gard-ed my help-less es-tate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

REFRAIN

My sin—O the bliss of this glor-i-ous 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!

REFRAIN

O Lord, haste the day when my fai-th shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so—it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

PH 488 – “NOW BLESSED BE JEHOVAH GOD”

Now blessed be Jehovah God, The God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, In glory that excel.

And blessed be His glorious Name To all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen: So let it be.