

MORNING WORSHIP
March 16, 2025
Rev. Greg Lubbers

Prelude Organist, Jan De Zwarte

Call to Worship Psalm 27:4, 5

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#27B:1, 3-5 "Jehovah Is My Light"

*God's Greeting

Reading of the Law Exodus 20

Song of Confession TPH#130B "From out the Depths I Cry"

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#246 "Though Troubles Assail Us"

Scripture Reading: Page 1301 Romans 8:18-30

Sermon Text: Page 772 Ecclesiastes 9:11, 12

Sermon "The Uncertainties of Life"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#265 "In Christ Alone"

Offering The offering is for RMS and their work with Ascension Reformed Church

*Doxology TPH#146:1, 2 "Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!"

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Morning Sermon Outline

The Uncertainties of Life

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-30, Page 1301
Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 9:11, 12, Page 772

I. Uncertain Outcomes

A. Regardless of Effort

B. Over a Lifetime

II. Uncertain Troubles

A. In the Randomness of Events

B. In the Moment of Death

III. Uncertain Providences

A. In a Fallen World

B. From an Earthly Perspective

TPH 27B - "Jehovah Is My Light" (Stz. 1, 3-5)

1. Jehovah is my light
and my salvation near;
who shall my soul affright
or cause my heart to fear?
While God my strength, my life sustains,
secure from fear my soul remains.
3. My one request has been,
and still this pray'r I raise,
that I may dwell within
God's house through all my days,
Jehovah's beauty to admire,
and in his temple to inquire.
4. When troubles round me swell,
when fears and dangers throng,
securely I will dwell
in his pavilion strong;
within the shelter of his tent
he hides me 'til the storm is spent.
5. Uplifted on a rock
above my foes around,
amid the battle shock
my song shall still resound;
then joyful off'rings I will bring,
Jehovah's praise my heart shall sing.

TPH 130B - "From out the Depths I Cry"

1. From out the depths I cry, O Lord, to you;
Lord, hear my call.
I love you, Lord, for you will hear my plea,
forgiving all.
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.
2. I wait for God, the Lord, and on his word
my hope relies;
my soul still waits and looks unto the Lord
till light arise.
I look for him to drive away my night,
yes, more than watchmen look for morning light.
3. Hope in the Lord, you waiting saints, and he
will well provide,
for mercy and redemption full and free
with him abide.
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,
his arm almighty will his saints redeem.

TPH 246 - "Though Troubles Assail Us"

1. Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
 though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
 the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."
2. The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
 from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
 so long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."
3. When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
 and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
 this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."
4. No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
 yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
in this our strong tower for safety we hide:
 the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

TPH 265 - "In Christ Alone"

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

TPH 146 - "Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!"
(Stz. 1, 2)

1. Praise the LORD! My soul, O praise him!

I will praise him all my days.

I will sing while I have being;

I will sing to God my praise!

Put no confidence in princes,

mortal men who cannot save.

All their plans will come to nothing

when they perish in the grave.

2. O how blest the man who trusts in

Jacob's God to be his aid.

O how blest the one whose hope upon

the LORD his God is stayed,

he who made the earth and heaven

and the seas, with all their store;

he who keeps his word forever,

he is faithful evermore.

EVENING WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

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Prelude Organist, Ruth De Vries

Song Service TPH#138B, 220, 158 Leader: Doug Van Gorp

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#247 “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

*God’s Greeting

*Apostles’ Creed - TPH, inside front cover

*Gloria Patri TPH#572 “Glory Be to the Father”
(unannounced)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#1A “That Man Is Blest”

Scripture Reading: Page 707 Psalm 119:89-112

Sermon Text: Forms & Prayers, 240 Heidelberg Catechism,
Lord’s Day 34; Q&A 92, 93

Sermon “The Law of God and the Christian”

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#119M “O How I Love Your Holy Law”

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

*Doxology TPH#565 “Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above”

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Evening Sermon Outline

The Law of God and the Christian

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:89-112, Page 707

Sermon Text: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 34; Q&A 92, 93,
Forms & Prayers, 240

I. The Nature of the Law

A. A Righteous Nature

B. An Eternal Nature

C. A Covenantal Nature

II. The Uses of the Law

A. A Civil Use

B. An Evangelical Use

C. A Normative Use

III. The View to the Law

A. A Proper View

B. A Practical View

TPH 138B - "With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring"

1. With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
before the great your praise I sing;
I worship in your holy place
and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine
in your most holy word divine,
in your most holy word divine.
2. I cried to you, and you did save;
your word of grace new courage gave;
the kings of earth shall thank you, Lord,
for they have heard your wondrous word;
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
for great and glorious are your ways,
for great and glorious are your ways.
3. O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
you reign above in heav'nly height;
the proud in vain your favor seek
but you have mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be,
you will revive and strengthen me,
you will revive and strengthen me.
4. You will stretch forth your mighty arm
to save me when my foes alarm;
the work you have for me begun
shall by your grace be fully done;
your mercy shall forever be;
O Lord, my Maker, think on me,
O Lord, my Maker, think on me.

TPH 220 - "Give Praise to God"

1. Give praise to God, who reigns above,
for perfect knowledge, wisdom, love;
his judgments are divine, devout,
his paths beyond all tracing out.
Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne,
and glory give to God alone!
2. No one can counsel God all-wise
or truths unveil to his sharp eyes;
he marks our paths behind, before;
he is our steadfast Counselor.
Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne,
and glory give to God alone!
3. Nothing exists that God might need,
for all things good from him proceed.
We praise him as our Lord, and yet
we never place God in our debt.
Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne,
and glory give to God alone!
4. Creation, life, salvation too,
and all things else both good and true,
come from and through our God always,
and fill our hearts with grateful praise.
Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne,
and glory give to God alone!

TPH 158 - "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

1. All praise to thee, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.
2. Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ills that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
3. O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
sleep that may me more vig'rous make
to serve my God when I awake.
4. When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no pow'rs of darkness me molest.
5. O when shall I in endless day
forever chase dark sleep away,
and hymns with the supernal choir
incessant sing, and never tire!
6. 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.

TPH 247 - "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

TPH 1A - “That Man Is Blest”

1. That man is blest who, fearing God,
from sin restrains his feet,
who will not stand with wicked men,
who shuns the scorners' seat.
2. Yea, blest is he who makes God's law
his portion and delight,
and meditates upon that law
with gladness day and night.
3. That man is nourished like a tree
set by the river's side;
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,
and thus his works abide.
4. The wicked, like the driven chaff,
are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just,
nor in the judgment stand.
5. The Lord will guard the righteous well,
their way to him is known;
the way of sinners, far from God,
shall surely be o'erthrown.

TPH 119M - “O How I Love Your Holy Law”

1. O how I love your holy law, O LORD!
All day I meditate upon your word;
It makes me wiser than my enemies,
for your commands are ever with me, LORD.
2. I have more wisdom than my teachers, LORD,
for on your laws I meditate each day.
I have more insight than the aged ones,
for all your testimonies I obey.
3. I keep my feet from ev'ry evil path,
for I desire to follow all your word;
since you have taught me all your wise decrees,
from them I do not turn aside, O LORD.
4. How sweet your words are, LORD, unto my taste—
sweeter than honey is upon my tongue.
Through your commandments I will understand,
therefore, O LORD, I hate each path that's wrong.

TPH 565 - “Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above”

1. Praise ye the Lord, ye hosts above,
in yonder heav'nly height,
and bless the Lord, ye saints below,
who in his praise delight.
2. By all his creatures let his name
be honored and adored;
let all that breathe in praise unite
to glorify the Lord.