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# The Lord's Day — October 20, 2019 A.D.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Micah 4:2**

And many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

### \*Hymn of Praise

#### All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name! (TH #296)

**Perronet**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all. *(Repeat)*

### \*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Affirmation of Faith

**Westminster Larger Catechism 154**

Q. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of his mediation?

**A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to his church the benefits of his mediation, are all his ordinances; especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for their salvation.**

### Confession of Sin

Pastor: The First Commandment says, "You must not have other gods before me." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear, love and trust God more than anything else.**

Pastor: The Second Commandment says, "You must not make for yourself an idol." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must not worship the Lord according to our own imaginations, but worship him always in accordance with his Word.**

Pastor: The Third Commandment says, "You must not misuse your God's name." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God, so that we will not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, but will use it to call upon him, pray to him, praise him and thank him in all times of trouble.**

Pastor: The Fourth Commandment says, "You must keep holy the Lord's day." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God every hour and every day. And on this festive day of rest and celebration, we cherish him by our joyful worship.**

Pastor: The Fifth Commandment says, "You must honor your father and mother, so that things will go well for you and you will live long on earth." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God, so that we will neither look down on our parents or superiors nor irritate them, but will honor them, serve them, obey them, love them and value them.**

Pastor: The Sixth Commandment says, "You must not murder." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God, so that we will neither harm nor hurt our neighbor's body, but help him and care for him when he is ill.**

Pastor: The Seventh Commandment says, "You must not commit adultery." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God, so that our words and actions will be clean and decent and so that everyone will love and honor their spouses.**

Pastor: The Eighth Commandment says, "You must not steal." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God, so that we will neither take our neighbor's money or property, nor acquire it by fraud or by selling him poorly made products, but will help him improve and protect his property and career.**

Pastor: The Ninth Commandment, "You must not tell lies about your neighbor." What does this mean?

**Congregation: We must fear and love God, so that we will not deceive by lying, betraying, slandering or ruining our neighbor's reputation, but will defend him, say good things about him, and see the best side of everything he does.**

Pastor: The Tenth Commandment says, "You must not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor." What does this mean?

**Congregation: That we ought not set our desires upon anything contrary to any one of God's commandments.**

Pastor: Have we kept God's law perfectly?

**Congregation: We have not.**

Pastor: What is the penalty for failing to keep God's law perfectly?

**Congregation: The Judge of all the earth rightly declares: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."**

Pastor: What then must we do to be saved?

**Congregation: We can do nothing. God must do everything.**

Pastor: And what has God done?

**Congregation: In love, God sent his Son to atone for our sin, so that all who turn from their own righteousness and trust alone in Christ's righteousness have the sure promise that God will forgive and justify them, set them apart and purify them unto life everlasting.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**1 John 5:11-12**

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### **\*Hymn of Forgiveness**

#### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**Clephane**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see,  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
The wonders of Redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place,  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **Tithes & Offering**

**Hymn of Preparation****We Are God's People (TH #355)****Leech**

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
 Our cornerstone is Christ alone, And strong in Him we stand:  
 O let us live transparently, And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
 Now let us learn how to return, The gift of love once given:  
 O let us share each joy and care, And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head, Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;  
 He wills us be a family, Diverse yet truly one:  
 O let us give our gifts to God, And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
 We die alone, for on its own, Each ember loses fire:  
 Yet joined in one the flame burns on, To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

**Sermon****The Maturing Church****Pastor Jeff Hooker****Acts 2:42-47 (page 911)****\*Hymn of Response****Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (TH #345)****Newton/Twit**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
 He whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode  
 On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
 With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love  
 Well supplies Thy sons and daughters, and all fears of want removes  
 Who can faint while such a river, ever flows their thirst to quench?  
 Grace which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood  
 Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God  
 'Tis His love His people raises, over self to reign as kings  
 And as priests His solemn praises, each for a thank offering brings.

Savior if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am  
 Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name  
 Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show  
 Solid joys and lasting treasure, none but Zion's children know.

**\*Benediction****Corporate Response****Psalm 72:18-19****Dundee**

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel  
 For he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel  
 And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;  
 The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.