

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Luke 16:19-31

Prayer of Confession | David Clarkson

Lord, I have nothing to move you to show me mercy—nothing that would convince you to be gracious to me. All I have would only engage you against me, or shut me out from mercy. If sin and unworthiness exclude a sinner from faith and mercy, I could lie down in sorrow and despair forever. But it is the glory of mercy to run freely, to flow out upon those that are most unworthy. Such am I, the unworthiest of any who ever sought faith in you, or that ever found mercy with you. But the more unworthy, the more will it be for the glory of your mercy that I not perish. The riches of your grace appear even greater by your giving me faith. Glorify your mercy on someone like me. Have mercy on me, Lord, that I not perish. Show yourself to be God. Show forth your glory by doing for me what people and angels, what heaven and earth cannot do for me. Only you can help me to faith. Help, Lord. All other help is in vain. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | John 5:21-24

Pastor: For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

People: Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism 21

Pastor: What is true faith?

People: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

*New Songs 6 | God of Grace

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Giving of Tithes & Offering

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 329 | Come, O Creator Spirit Blest (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Exodus 7:1-25

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Our Life-Giving Lord

Prayer of Application

GOD BANQUETS WITH US

God's Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explaining the Meal

Partaking of the Meal

Diaconal Offering

*Hymn 646 | Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 731 | Doxology

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this morning! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We believe God covenants with households, and so we encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families who are interested, a staffed nursery is available during the morning service for ages 0-3. Please ask the usher for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

Following the morning service, coffee and snacks are available in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know you!

EVENING WORSHIP

You are warmly welcome to join us at 6:00pm as we assemble again to close out the Lord's Day in public worship!

OUR LIFE-GIVING LORD

Exodus 7:1-25

I. Yahweh is the Lord of *lords* (vv. 8-13).

II. Yahweh is the Lord of *life* (vv. 14-25).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why is what we think about God the most important thing about us?
2. What was God's great purpose in hardening Pharaoh's heart and prolonging Israel's tribulation? What can we learn from this in the trials we face?
3. When Pharaoh demands proof of Moses's divine authority, what does God tell Moses to do? Why? What was the significance of a shepherd's crook (i.e., rod) in ancient Egypt?
4. Is the reason people refuse to believe God's word that they just don't have enough evidence? What do we learn from Pharaoh?
5. What is the first plague? How does it point back to Moses's infancy? How does it point forward to the exodus?
6. What is the significance of the Nile turning to blood? What false god is the true God showing His power over through it?
7. In contrast to Pharaoh, what do we learn about Moses and Aaron in our text? How do they point forward to Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is the relationship between knowing about and knowing God? How might I explain this to a child or an unbeliever?
2. What two Egyptian gods is Moses confronting in this account, and what does it reveal to me about the true and living God? How should I respond?
3. What step(s) might I take in the pursuit of an expanding and emboldening knowledge of God in the new year?



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 29, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship | Psalm 36**

Pastor: Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good. He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.

People: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

People: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

***God's Greeting | Galatians 1:3-5**

***Hymn 110 | Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah**