

November 22, 2020

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Offering Please put tithes in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins.

Prelude *We Gather Together
Come Ye, Thankful People, Come
Now Thank We All Our God*
arr. Keesecker

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 36:7-9

Choral Introit *Song of Thanksgiving* by Anna Cecilia & Tony Ward

***Hymn of Praise** *Trust and Obey* No. 672

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away;
not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove, the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:33-51

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, give us courage to look at our lives as you look at them. We have not thought your thoughts this week, nor have we taken seriously the things that you tell us to prize the most. Our hearts are still sluggish and dull, always prizing the created over our Creator. Forgive us of this sin, we pray, and forgive us of all our many sins. Grant to us mercy yet again. We thank you for Jesus Christ who restores us always to how we should think and speak and act. Help us to be more like Him in all aspects of our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 36:1-4

¹ An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: there is no fear of God before their eyes. ² For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. ³ The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has

ceased to be wise and to do good. ⁴ Even on his bed he plots evil, he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

No. 498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

**REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. **REFRAIN**

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. **REFRAIN**

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. **REFRAIN**

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. **REFRAIN**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 96-97

Q. 96 What is the Lord's supper?

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Q. 97 What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

No. 647

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and hiding place,
My never-failing Treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace;

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy Name
Refresh my soul in death.

Sermon

Joy and Blessing

Luke 10:21-24

Outline

1. The Fountain of Joy
2. The Purpose of Joy
3. The Outworking of Joy

Questions:

1. Why is it so difficult to define joy?
2. How does working joy in our lives relate to the other works of the Holy Spirit?
3. Why is joy such a common theme at Christmas?
4. How can you attain greater joy in your life?

***Hymn of Response**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 457

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

10:30 AM

Worship Service- First Sunday of Advent
(available YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	11/22	11/29	12/6	12/13	12/20	12/27
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger
Communion Helper	N/A	N/A	Aaron	N/A	N/A	N/A
Advent Reader	N/A	Chris & Cassy	Jim & Lorrie	Craig & Deanna	Jason & Val	Gretzinger

Announcements

- **Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner:** \$5.00 suggested donation per person. Join us today!
- **30 Days of Prayer for World Missions:** We will be participating this month in MTW's 30 Days of Prayer for the World Missions. You will find a prayer on the table in the narthex. Please take the time to pray for these daily. Today is being marked as the Prayer for open hearts of the nearly 80 million displaced people in MTW ministerial areas.
- **Gratitude:** Covenant College called this week to personally thank us for our years of continued support. In addition, they were offering praises that they were able to finish the current semester with hardly any cases of Covid-19.

➤ **Deacon Fund:** The Deacons are accepting voluntary offerings on behalf of MNA (Missions to North America), a PCA ministry that supports new church planting efforts in multi-ethnic or economically challenged neighborhoods. Through grants, Mission to North America can encourage the training of interns for ministry in those neighborhoods or provide grants for church planters to have benevolence funds at their disposal. A Thanksgiving offering is one of their primary methods of obtain the funds they need. If the Lord leads you to make a one-time gift, please make a note with your donation indicating MNA and place your gift in the offering box located at the sanctuary exit. Thank you.