



Faith

Community Church

May 2, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

***OPENING SONGS - "Blessed Be Your Name"**

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow;
Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back into praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be";
Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back into praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name."

You give and take away,
You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be your name.
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name."

“Jesus, Messiah”

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing,
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The light of the world.
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all,
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all, Lord of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*DECLARATION OF FAITH- Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 18

46. Q. What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

47. Q. But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

A. Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

48. Q. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren’t the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ’s divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

49. Q. How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge by the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

***SONG OF PREPARATION- "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"**

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

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God.
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

SCRIPTURE- Proverbs 19:11 & Various Passages

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

SERMON – "Forgive and Remember- Part 2"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Reconciliation is hard. Forgive us for faux apologies. Forgive us for being unwilling to forgive others when they are genuinely seeking to make things right. Dear heavenly Father, being reconciled to you, and to others, is hard for us. We are filled with pride and don't want to admit we are wrong. Sometimes we give self-serving apologies, not owning up to the fullness of our sins and their consequences. At times we may hear others say to us, "I'm sorry" and we choose to hold on to a grudge rather than to forgive. Help us Lord. Hear us Lord. We're sorry. Change us, Holy Spirit, that we might be better at reconciliation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

SONG OF RESPONSE- "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"**

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy