

The Lord's Day, November 1, A.D. 2020

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised
(Psalm 48:1a)*

Order of Worship

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

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Silent Prayer

***The Call to Worship and Salutation**

Psalm 33:1-5

*¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For
praise from the upright is beautiful.*

*² Praise the LORD with the harp;
Make melody to Him with an instrument of
ten strings.*

*³ Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.*

*4 For the word of the LORD is right,
And all His work is done in truth.*

*5 He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.*

***The Gloria Patri**

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***The Invocation**

***Hymn #358**

For All the Saints

*1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!
Alleluia!*

*2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-
fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their
one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*3 O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their
rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!
Alleluia!*

*6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host, singing to Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 44

113. What does the tenth commandment require? *That not even the least inclination or thought against any commandment of God ever enter our heart, but that with our whole heart we continually hate all sin and take pleasure in all righteousness.*

114. Can those who are converted to God keep these commandments perfectly? No, but even the holiest men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of such obedience, yet so that with earnest purpose they begin to live not only according to some, but according to all the commandments of God.

115. Why then does God so strictly enjoin the Ten Commandments upon us, since in this life no one can keep them? *First, that as long as we live we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and so the more earnestly seek forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ; second, that without ceasing we diligently ask God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we be renewed more and more after the image of God, until we attain the goal of perfection after this life.*

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #57**

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

- 1 *Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul,
Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days. Put no
confidence in princes, nor for help on man
depend; he shall die, to dust returning, and his
purposes shall end.*
- 2 *Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to
be his aid; he is blessed whose hope of
blessing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n
and earth the Lord created, seas and all that
they contain; He delivers from oppression,
righteousness He will maintain.*
- 3 *Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the
mourning prisoner free, raises those bowed
down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to
see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the
stranger he befriends, helps the fatherless
and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.*

*4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul,
Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days. Over all God
reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs
sing.*

The Reading of Scripture: Genesis 1:26-2:25

*1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our
image, according to Our likeness; let them
have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the
birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the
earth and over every creeping thing that
creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in
His own image; in the image of God He created
him; male and female He created them. 28 Then
God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be
fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue
it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over
the birds of the air, and over every living thing
that moves on the earth."*

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. ³¹ Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

***2** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

⁴ *This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,*
⁵ *before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;*
⁶ *but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.*

⁷ *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

⁸ *The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

¹⁰ Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ *And Adam said:*

“This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

²⁵ *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

Sermon: The Most Important Question

Rev. Dr. Maynard Koerner

***Prayer of Application & the Lord’s Prayer**

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**Offering/Hymn #116 For the Beauty of the
Earth**

*1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of
the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,*

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of
grateful praise.*

*2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of
the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]*

*3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking
sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]*

*4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister,
parent, child, friends on earth and friends
above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
[Refrain]*

*5 For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so
freely giv'n, graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, [Refrain]*

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