

The Lord's Day, November 8, 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 47:1-2, 6-7

- ¹ *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!*
- ² *For the LORD Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.*
- ⁶ *Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*
- ⁷ *For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.*

***The Gloria Patri**

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***The Invocation**

***Hymn #98 Now Thank We All Our God**

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven—the one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 45

116. Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

Because it is the chief part of thankfulness

*which God requires of us, and because God
will give His grace and Holy Spirit only to
those who earnestly and without ceasing ask
them of Him, and render thanks unto Him for
them.*

117. What belongs to such prayer which is acceptable to God and which He will hear?

First, that with our whole heart we call only upon the one true God, who has revealed Himself to us in His Word, for all that He has commanded us to ask of Him; second, that we thoroughly know our need and misery, so as to humble ourselves in the presence of His divine majesty; third, that we be firmly assured that notwithstanding our unworthiness, He will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as He has promised us in His Word.

118. What has God commanded us to ask of Him? All things necessary for soul and body, which Christ our Lord comprised in the prayer which He Himself taught us.

119. What is the Lord's Prayer? Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #57 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

*1 With songs and honors sounding loud address
the Lord on high; over the heav'ns He spreads
His cloud, and waters veil the sky.*

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*2 He sends His show'rs of blessing down to
cheer the plains below; He makes the grass
the mountains crown, and corn in valleys
grow.*

*3 His steady counsels change the face of the
declining year; He bids the sun cut short his
race, and wintry days appear.*

*4 His hoary frost, His fleecy snow, descend and
clothe the ground; the liquid streams forbear
to flow, in icy fetters bound.*

*5 He sends His word and melts the snow; the
fields no longer mourn; He calls the warmer
gales to blow, and bids the spring return.*

*6 The changing wind, the flying cloud, obey His
mighty word; with songs and honors sounding
loud praise ye the sovereign Lord.*

The Reading of Scripture: Hosea 6:4-7:10

6:4 “O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, and like the early dew it goes away. 5Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and your judgments are like light that goes forth. 6For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7“But like men they transgressed the covenant; There they dealt treacherously with Me.

8Gilead is a city of evildoers and defiled with blood. 9As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the way to Shechem; Surely they commit lewdness. 10I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled. 11Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, when I return the captives of My people.

7:1 "When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria. For they have committed fraud; A thief comes in; A band of robbers takes spoil outside. ²They do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness; Now their own deeds have surrounded them; They are before My face. ³They make a king glad with their wickedness, and princes with their lies.

⁴"They are all adulterers. Like an oven heated by a baker— He ceases stirring the fire after kneading the dough, until it is leavened. ⁵In the day of our king princes have made him sick, inflamed with wine; He stretched out his hand with scoffers. ⁶They prepare their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait; their baker sleeps all night; In the morning it burns like a flaming fire. ⁷They are all hot, like an oven, and have devoured their judges; All their kings have fallen. None among them calls upon Me.

⁸“Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. ⁹Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it. ¹⁰And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this.

Sermon: **What God Desires**
Rev. Dr. Kevin Carroll

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

**Offering/Hymn #521 My Hope is Built on
Nothing Less**

*1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus'
blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the
sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus'
name.*

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Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

*2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
[Refrain]*

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

***The Apostles' Creed** p. 784

***The Benediction**

*** The Doxology** p. 731