

THE LORD'S DAY

November 12, 2023 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Hymn 143 This Is My Father's World

Prayer

Announcements

Scripture Reading – Psalm 126 (opposite page)

Hymn 131 Almighty

Hymn 139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 144 Great Are You, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer

Message

PREPARED

Revelation 9:7-21 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his. Ps. 34:1; Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6; Heb. 13:5, Luke 15:6, 9, 11-32; Rom. 12:15; Phil. 2:4

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday 6:30 PM - Precept on Zoom

Wednesday 10 AM - Men's Bible Fellowship

No Wednesday 6:30 PM – Prayer and Bible Study

Thursday 8:15 AM – Precept Bible Study

Thursday 6:30-7:45 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 12:30 PM - Ladies' Luncheon

Psalm 126 A Joyful Return to Zion, A Song of Ascents.

¹When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion
We were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

And our tongue with singing.

Then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us, *and* we are glad.

⁴Bring back our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the South.

⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

⁶He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing,

Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,

Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 6:30 PM

November 25 – Men's Breakfast 9-10 AM

December 2 – Ladies of Grace

December 16 – Ladies' Luncheon

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 10:15 AM ONLY

Reminder: If you have started a Samaritan's Purse Christmas Gift Box.
they are due NEXT SUNDAY, November 19th!

MISSIONARY CORNER

Each week we focus on Missionaries and Organizations
we support as a local church.

Rev. Hal Ricker praises the Lord from Guatemala for the good Reformation Day service at the Montserrat Church on October 29th. They ask for prayer for the Profession of Faith Classes for new members at church, and for VBS at both of their churches from November 13th to the 17th in Montserrat and November 27th to December 1st in LA, and for the teachers who dedicate their time to the service of the Lord. They also need prayer for the authorities in Guatemala, that they will have wisdom to make the best decisions without harming the Guatemalan people.

Please remember to silence your cell phones to help maintain an attitude of worship without distraction.

WHAT IS MISSING IN AMERICA TODAY?

Christians can see what is missing in America today is the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as the foundation for morality and civil righteousness. Such Christian morality and good works were the fruit of faith in the lives of so many of our founding fathers and in subsequent generations. Yes, purpose of government is to protect the lives and welfare of its people, but it is also to create an atmosphere where the Church can prosper as it proclaims the name of Jesus Christ. That is why our forefathers included Freedom of Religion as the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” One of the ancient prayers of the Church is as follows: “Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast love we may serve You, and in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end.” That is why above all other reasons, we include our president, government and other government officials in prayers – so that God’s saving Word may not be bound by government of war or injustice, but that it might have free course to create faith and good works in the hearts and lives of those who hear it. True Christian values include acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as the Savior of mankind, respect for life, respect for those in authority, good citizenship, moral decency, respect for Biblical marriage, obedience to the rule of law, honesty, compassion for those less fortunate, and above all, the love of God and family and nation.

We are very thankful for the leadership and courage of our Veterans and continue to pray that they would lead and demonstrate courage today to each new generation.