

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 1st November 2020

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing a hymn and a children's song

"What else did God make?"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIGXbYH_pkQ&list=PLM1WI55UUJ7ReIEeVAHVdHrNFBXnJ6vN&index=14

"In Christ alone"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=est8VHSaJcE>

At 10.45am: Welcome and notices

Scriptural call to worship – Romans 8:28

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose."

Song: Oh how strong the power of Jesus' name

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it is stronger than any other name

Oh how sweet the victory that bore my shame

took the burden of my sins away

Hallelujah what a Saviour

I owe everything to Him

Hallelujah what a Saviour

Hallelujah to my King

2. Oh how great the kindness our God has shown

We were strangers, now we're called His own

His grace has welcomed the sinner home

Tender mercies lead us to the throne

Hallelujah what a Saviour...

3. Oh what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings

through the trials He will carry me

And one day in heaven our eyes will meet

Filled with wonder all the saints will sing

Hallelujah what a Saviour...

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

This is an ancient and world-wide declaration of the Christian faith. Here we declare our commitment to this summary of "catholic" (or "universal") doctrine.

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things, visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary, and was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And we look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Song: My hope is built on nothing less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong;
in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all*

2. When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

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.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 107

Prayers of intercession

Bible reading and sermon: Psalm 107, Ephesians 1:11

“Providence” introduced

Ephesians 1:11, “... according to the purpose of him who works all things in accordance with the counsel of his will.”

All things come under the providence of God

All things (Matthew 26:64, 28:18, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 1:3)

Big things (Psalm 33:10-11, Isaiah 44:28, 45:4, Daniel 4:17)

Small things (Matthew 10:29-31)

Our personal lives and history (Acts 17:25-27, Psalm 139:15-16)

“Random” events and “luck” (Proverbs 16:33)

Our choices (Proverbs 16:9, 21:1, Genesis 45:7-8, 50:20)

Redemption –especially the Cross of Christ (Acts 4:27-28)

Summary and application:

Westminster Confession of Faith, 3.1

“God, from all eternity, did—by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will—freely and unchangeably ordain whatever comes to pass. Yet he ordered all things in such a way that he is not the author of sin, nor does he force his creatures to act against their wills; neither is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.”

God’s plan is perfect... secret... and for my ultimate good

(Romans 8:28, Psalm 107:43)

Song: God moves in a mysterious way

**God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.**

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill;
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

*You fearful saints fresh courage take,
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

*You fearful saints fresh courage take,
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

*You fearful saints fresh courage take,
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

Final prayer and blessing