

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 7th January 2021

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

"All people that on earth do dwell" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmGwHdNtpEw>

"Did Adam obey God?" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyL4S4JixhU&list=PLM1WI55UUJ7SLHpKdF8NgKE5NU6x1h8wu&index=3>

Welcome and call to worship

Exodus 34:6-7, "The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty..."

Song: Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign

Summary of God's law – the Ten Commandments

God spoke all these words saying: I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no gods other than me.
You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.
Honour your father and mother.
You shall not commit murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
You shall not covet.

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you
by thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us.
And strengthen us to serve and obey you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaring our faith: from the Heidelberg Catechism

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless – without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 40

Prayers of intercession

Song: He lavishes grace

He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater
He sends us more strength as our labours increase
To added afflictions He offers more mercy
To multiplied trials He multiplies peace

When we have exhausted our store of endurance
When our strength has failed and the day is half done
When we've reached the end of our earthly resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun
Our Father's full giving is only begun

*So lean hard, lean hard
Lean on the everlasting arms
So lean hard, lean hard
Lean on the everlasting arms
Lean on the everlasting arms*

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure
His power has no boundary that's known unto men
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again
He giveth and giveth and giveth again

*You lead me beside still waters
Your goodness restores my soul
I know that you'll never leave me
I know that you won't let go
So lean hard...*

Bible reading and sermon – Genesis chapters 40 and 41

Song: When I fear my faith will fail

1. When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

2. Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

3. For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast...

A prayer for God's blessing – Philippians 4:7

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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