



Worship. · Witness. · Walk in Love

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

Eastertide

April 26, 2020

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 17

The Heidelberg Catechism is a teaching tool written by two pastors: Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus in 1563 and is designed to explain the core of Christian faith over the course of a year. The catechism is divided into three sections: our estate of sin and misery, how one is set free from sin and misery, and how one thanks God for that deliverance. In this section, the Catechism directs us to the content of our faith as professed in the Apostle's Creed.

Q45. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:16-20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Rom. 6:5-11; Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 3:1-4; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:12-23; Phil. 3:20-21

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1

Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

GLORIFYING GOD

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 31:21-23

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. Love the LORD, all his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful.

LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

King of Kings

RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 1:6-24

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the

one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

SERMON

The Free Life: Free to Glorify God

Pastor Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

RESPONDING IN SONG

King of Love

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

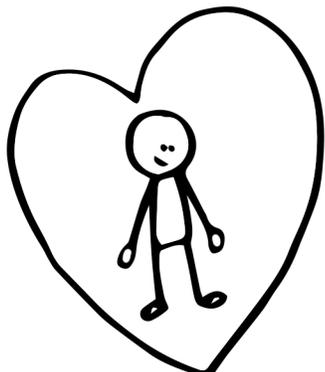
OFFERING

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.
And that is what we are!



FOR I AM PERSUADED THAT

neither death, nor LIFE

nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come

nor POWERS, nor height,
nor depth, nor any created thing,

will be able to separate us from the LOVE of GOD which is IN CHRIST JESUS our LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39

