

THE LORD'S DAY ~ March 28, 2010

PALM SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Zechariah 9:9

***Hymn Medley of Praise** "Hosanna" (C296)
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (C297)

*Invocation

***Hymn of Adoration** "Nothing But the Blood" (1)

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Your blood speaks a better word than all the empty claims
I've heard upon this earth; speaks righteousness for me,
and stands in my defense. Jesus, it's Your blood.

*What can wash away our sins? What can make us whole again?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can wash us pure as snow; welcomed as the friends of God?
Nothing but Your blood, nothing but Your blood, King Jesus.*

Your cross testifies in grace, tells of the Father's heart
to make a way for us. Now boldly we approach,
not earthly confidence; it's only by Your blood.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

***Responsive Confession of Faith** Belgic Confession, Articles 20 - 21

Leader: What do you believe about the work of God?

People: We believe that God ~ who is perfectly merciful and also very just ~ sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

Leader: And what do you believe about the work of Jesus Christ?

People: We believe that Jesus Christ presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

Leader: Why did he endure all this?

People: He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader: What comfort does this give you?

People: We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12; Mark 11:1-11

Confession of Sin

Dear Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude towards life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasure of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command. Make us holy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 34:17-18

Missions Prayer Report

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Deuteronomy 8:18

Offertory Special Music

"Messiah"

Ladies Ensemble

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:155

Sermon

"The Birth of Jesus Christ"
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

Luke 2:8-20

***Hymn of Response** (T195)

"Joy to the World"

***Charge and Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

***Hymn of Benediction** (T731)

"The Doxology"

*Postlude

Pastor Colravy's Current Preaching Series:

AM ~ The Synoptic Gospels
PM ~ The Covenant(s) of God

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Senior Pastor
Rev. Robert S. Hayes, Associate Pastor
R. Leigh Hinkle, Music Overseer
Robert H. Moss, Jr., Service Deacon

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29:1-2

***Hymn of Praise** (T295)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration**

"Thy Mercy My God" (2)

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here.
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
Hallelujah!

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, #33 - 36

Leader: What is justification?

People: Justification is the act of God's free grace by which He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight. He does so only because He counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

Leader: What is adoption?

People: Adoption is the act of God's free grace by which we become His sons with all the rights and privileges of being His.

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