



April 19, 2020 • 10:30 am
Preaching: Rev. Nollie Malabuyo

Welcome and Announcements

All the song lyrics are printed in the bulletin insert.

God Calls Us to Worship

* Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-10

* God's Greeting 1 Thessalonians 1:1b-2

* Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, on this Lord's Day, we come humbly before your throne of grace longing for that day when this outbreak is over when we will again worship You in spirit and in truth in this place. You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is convicted, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

* Song of Praise *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* #100:1-4

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| 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice! | 3. O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name! |
| 2. Know that the LORD is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds,
the sheep who by his hand were made. | 4. Because the LORD our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure. |

God's Will for Our Lives

Reading of God's Law 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Prayer of Confession Based on Psalm 5:1-12

Minister: Hear our words and our groanings, O LORD. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

People: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

Minister: You destroy those who speak lies; you abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful. But, O LORD, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty.

People: By your mercy alone, by the abundance of your steadfast love may we enter your house.

Minister: Because of your Son, O LORD, let us find refuge in you. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy.

ALL: Cover us with your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

God Hears Our Prayer

Reading of Creed *Heidelberg Catechism 52, 88-90 (pp 880, 888)*

Q. 52. How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

Q. 88. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Q. 89. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

Q. 90. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray and to offer our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love.

Let us pray for the church. May the ministers and other leaders be faithful and bold in preaching the true gospel. Mature us in the faith through your Word and Spirit, so we may more and more become images of Christ. Pray for Rev. Mike Brown and his family as they serve their congregation in the midst of the lockdown in Milan, Italy.

Let us pray for those who govern us. Direct those who make, administer, and judge our laws—the president and others in authority among us—that, guided by your wisdom, they may lead us during this time of recovery, to justice, righteousness, peace and prosperity.

Let us pray for friends and families. Bless those we love, our friends and families, that, drawing close to you, we may be drawn closer to each other.

Let us pray for the sick, those who sorrow, that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall separate them from your love. Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings..... *General Fund*
(You can mail your offerings to the church Treasurer.)

Song of Thanksgiving..... *Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!387:1-4*
(bulletin insert) (tune: #378)

God Declares His Truth

Scripture Readings..... Joel 2:1-7; 1 Thess 5:1-5; 2 Thess 1:5-11

Sermon **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

*** Song of Response** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You!.....#259:1, 2, 4, 5*
(tune: #325)

God Blesses Us

*** Benediction** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

*** Doxology** *Gloria Patri #571*



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The Day of the LORD

Joel 2:1-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5;

2 Thessalonians 1:5-11

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!
(Joel 2:1-2a)



NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

"Everyone Who Calls on the Name of the LORD Shall be Saved"

Joel 2:18-30; Acts 2:17-21