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# The Lord's Day — June 10, 2018 A.D.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 29:1-2**

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

### \*Hymn of Praise

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed (TH #311)**

**Montgomery**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight,

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;

Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; His Name shall stand for ever—that Name to us is Love.

### \*Invocation and The 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. Amen.**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that our glory has been our own comfort, rather than your Son's cross; that we have craved the fellowship of those already like us, rather than the fellowship of Christ's sufferings; that we have worked to save our own lives, rather than lose our lives for the sake of the good news. Have mercy on us, Father, and grant us the true turn of repentance that we need. Cleanse us by the finished work of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and restore the joy that only you can give. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## \*Hymn of Forgiveness

### Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (TH #465)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.

## Prayers of the Church

## Tithes & Offering

## Hymn of Preparation

### Speak O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

**\*Hymn of Response**

**We Gather Together (TH #363)**

**Unknown**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our Defender will be;  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Behold the Lamb**

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

**\*Benediction**

**Corporate Response**

**Threefold Amen (TH #740)**

Amen, amen, amen.