

GRACE



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The Lord's Day Worship

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NOTE: All Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version except where stated otherwise.

* Denotes congregation standing

Accompanist

Miss Carrie Thibault

Announcements and Welcome

Pastor David Thibault

Cleansed By God

God's Law Word for His People: Titus 3:1-3

Confession of Sin: Hymn # 461 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-8

Called By God

* Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19)

Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The Lord be with you. (cf. I Timothy 1:2)

And also with you. Amen! (cf. Ruth 2:4)

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (Revelation 5:9)

and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:10)

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13)

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:14)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Amen

* Hymn # 173 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Consecrated by God

Responsive Reading – The Ascended and Seated Christ

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. (Daniel 7:9)

A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

(Daniel 7:10)

"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. (Daniel 7:11)

As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. (Daniel 7:12)

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. (Daniel 7:13)

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:14)

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6)

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. (Acts 1:7)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, (Acts 1:10)

and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (Romans 8:33)

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-- more than that, who was raised-- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,
(Hebrews 8:1)

a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. (Hebrews 8:2)

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,
(Ephesians 1:16)

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,
(Ephesians 1:17)

having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (Ephesians 1:18)

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might (Ephesians 1:19)

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, (Ephesians 1:20)

far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:21)

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, (Ephesians 1:22)

which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:23)

* Hymn # 289 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Sermon Text: Mark 16:19-20

Sermon Title: “The Ongoing Work of the Ascended and Seated Christ”

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response # 176 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

Communion with God

Prayers of God’s People

* Confessing the Faith Together: Heidleberg Catechism # 49-51

Q. 49 How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven – a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit’s power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

Q. 50 Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

A. Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church, and that the Father rules all things through him.

Q. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper



**Come
to the
LORD’S
Table**

You are cordially invited to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a believer in Christ, have been baptized, are a communicant member in a Bible-believing church, and regularly attend church worship. We use wine in our celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Distribution of Bread: # 295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Distribution of Wine: # 300 “Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”

Commissioned by God

* Hymn # 302 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Benediction

Tithes and Offerings to God

An integral part of our worship is to bring God a token of our increase. Your tithes and offerings may be placed in the small box at the back of the room. As we will give thanks to God for his gifts *during* the service, we encourage you to make your offering *before* the service.



***NURSERY** is provided for children under 3 from the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located behind the bathrooms of this building (Nursery Worker Today: Susan Wood)

The Ongoing Work of the Ascended and Seated Christ

**I. Christ's Ongoing Mission – To P_____ our
D_____ P_____ with Him (John 14:1-3)**

II. Christ's Ongoing Works

A. S_____ His H_____ S_____
(John 16:7, 14:16-18 and 25-27; Romans 8:9)

B. I_____ for His P_____
(Romans 8:34-37; Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:25-26, 8:1-2)

C. R_____ His C_____
(Daniel 7:13-14 and Ephesians 1:16-23)

**III. Christ's Ongoing Presence – W_____ with
Those Who W_____ for H_____ (Mark 16:15 and 20,
Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 12:2, Titus 2:11-14)**

<i>Refreshments</i>	Today	Amy
	November 22	Susan
	November 29	Vicki
	December 6	Michaela
	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Usher</i>
November	Michaela	Kenton
December	Patty	Matthew & Thomas
<i>Greeter</i>	November	Adam
	December	<i>Need a Volunteer</i>



Today

- 11:00 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 5:30 pm Praise, Prayer, and Study

This Week

Thursday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting at the Szeneris' Home

Next Sunday (November 22)

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 6:00 pm Faith Family

Upcoming

- November 23 10:00 am Ladies' Visit to Knott's Christmas Village
- November 23 7:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
- November 24 5:00 – 10:00 pm Youth Group - Operation Christmas Child Processing Center
- November 26 10 am Thanksgiving Day Service
- December 6 Youth Group Christmas Party at the Thibaults' Home
- December 12 6:00 pm Ladies' Christmas Party at the Tuggys' Home
- December 19 Youth Make Christmas Dinner and Practice Program
- December 20 5:30 pm Christmas Program and Dinner

Happy Birthday

Kenton (Nov. 18) Nathan (Nov. 21)
 Carrie (Nov. 29) Lynn (Nov. 29)

