

Reflection

- Hebrews 12:22-25

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

E. P. Clowney

In worship, *even now* while here on earth we join the saints and angels in the festival of glory. Because we gather with Jesus there, we are exhorted to gather with him here.

INGATHERING

Song of Preparation: *My Hope Rests Firm*

Ron Leaman

(Join Ron in singing all four verses.)

1. My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.
Though all the world should point and scorn,
His ransom leaves me free; His ransom leaves me free.
2. My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal;
Though still I stumble into sin,
His death paid for it all; His death paid for it all.
3. My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race:
I know my tears will turn to joy
The day I see his face; The day I see his face.
4. My hope is to be with my Lord, to know as I am known;
To serve Him gladly all my days
In praise before His throne; In praise before His throne.

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Silent Prayer of Preparation

PRAISE

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He has promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise #19:** *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Bill Massey

***Affirmation of Faith**

- Heidelberg Cat. Q 54

What do you believe concerning the holy church of Jesus Christ?

**I believe that the Son of God
through his Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.
And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.**

***Praise**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

RENEWAL

Call to Confession of Sin

- Psalm 139:23-24

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting!*

Responsive Confession of Sin

- Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
**For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
**Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

- Romans 8:15-17

You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

*Hymns of Assurance

#534: *O for a Closer Walk with God*

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye, heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Welcome and Announcements

Please fill out and pass the friendship registration pad.

Prayers of the People

COMMITMENT

Reading of God's Word - Romans 10:14-21 (*sanctuary Bible p. 1203*)

Sermon: *Hearing and Believing* Rev. Bill Massey

Offertory Words - 2 Corinthians 8:9

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Offertory Music

Sneller Family

***Hymn #444:** *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling*

***Benediction**

***Those who are able, please stand**