

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Join us live on our Facebook page beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song: "Never Cease to Praise"

Words and music by Jeff Bourque

May we run this race, may we keep the faith, may our eyes be fixed on Jesus, that we'll not lose heart in our struggle with sin, and through suffering know endurance. May we arm ourselves with the mind of Christ to rejoice in trials and be not surprised. May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.

May our company be the saints You've called, may we all stand firm in one spirit, that the gospel's truth may resound on earth, that all living things may hear it. May the fruits of faith mark the path we trod through the life of Christ to the glory of God. May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.

May the words we share be Your grace and peace. May our tongues speak Your proclamations that the many parts of the body of Christ be affirmed in their right relation. As we long and wait for the groom to come, may we learn to love, and spur each other on. May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise. When that day arrives, and our race is won, when our griefs give way to deliverance, we will fully know, as we're fully known, all our groans will end as new songs begin. And a multitude from every tribe and tongue, wearing robes of white, will stand before Your throne, And our hearts will be so consumed by You that we'll never cease to praise! May our hearts be so consumed by You that we never cease to praise.

Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Words by Charles Wesley and music by Carl G. Glaser

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Scripture Reading and Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13 (ESV)) ⁹ Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

- ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
- ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
 ¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
 - but deliver us from evil.
 - [For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.]

Sermon: "A Word Fitly Spoken"

Here are some of the Proverbs we will consider this morning.

Mocking

Proverbs 14:9 (ESV) Fools mock at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance.

Scoffing

Proverbs 15:12 (ESV) A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.

Proverbs 19:24 (ESV) The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Proverbs 19:29 (ESV)

Condemnation is ready for scoffers, and beating for the backs of fools.

Proverbs 21:11 (ESV)

When a scoffer is punished, the simple becomes wise; when a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.

Proverbs 21:24 (ESV)

"Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.

Proverbs 22:10 (ESV)

Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease.

Proverbs 24:9 (ESV)

The devising of folly is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to mankind.

Proverbs 29:8 (ESV)

Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath.

Knowing how to answer and persuade others

Proverbs 15:1 (ESV)

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:4 (ESV)

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. Proverbs 15:28 (ESV)

The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Proverbs 16:21 (ESV)

The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.

Proverbs 16:23-24 (ESV)

- ²³ The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips.
- ²⁴ Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 25:11-13 (ESV)

- ¹¹ A word fitly spoken
 - is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
- ¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
- ¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Proverbs 25:15 (ESV)

With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.

Proverbs 26:4–7 (ESV)

- ⁴ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.
- ⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- ⁶ Whoever sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.
- ⁷ Like a lame man's legs, which hang useless, is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

Hymn: "O Fount of Love"

Words and music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

O fount of love divine that flows from my Savior's bleeding side Where sinners trade their filthy rags for His righteousness applied. Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain, now rushing o'er us like a flood; There the wretch and vilest ones stand adopted through His blood.

O mount of grace to Thee we cling, from the law hath set us free. Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill, love and justice shall agree. Praise the Lord! The price is paid, the curse defeated by the Lamb. We who once were slaves by birth, sons and daughters now we stand. O well of joy is mine to drink, for my Lord has conquered death., Victorious forevermore, the ancient foe is laid to rest. Hallelujah! Christ is King, alive and reigning on the throne; Our tongues employed with hymns of praise: Glory be to God alone.

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Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.