

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (SEATED)

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.

The Call to Worship: from Psalm 71:19-23 (STANDING)

Leader: The righteousness of our God reaches the high heavens. He has done great things and there is no other like Him. Though we see troubles and calamities, He will revive us again. Though we sink to the depths of the earth, He will bring us up again. Let us praise Him today because He is faithful.

All: Let us sing praises to Him because He is holy. Let us shout for joy and sing praises unto Him... our Redeemer. AMEN!

Hymn #100 – Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The Prayer of Adoration

Confessing Our Faith: Based on 1 Peter 1:17-21

Leader: How do we live now as those redeemed of God?

All: We live our lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For we know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that we were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to us from our forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for our sake. Through Christ we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so our faith and hope are in God. Amen.

Gloria Patri: (Hymnal #735)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Confession of Sin: (SEATED)

Leader: Father, from eternity you prepared a way for our redemption through the coming of your Son. You sent your holy prophets through the generations to kindle in our hearts a holy anticipation of our blessed Savior.

All: How we marvel that he was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquity.

Leader: The healing for which our hearts long is found through his wounds alone.

All: Grant us this day, therefore, a measure of your grace to genuinely confess our sins before you. Renew us in faith and love that we may welcome Christ to rule our lives, both now and forever. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Private Sin

The Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7 (STANDING)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Hymn – Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words, John Newton; Music, Laura Taylor; CCLI #1367612)

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown: He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood; You have washed us with your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

The Prayer of Praise

The New Testament Reading: Galatians 6:1-10 (SEATED)

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology (hymnal #731) (STANDING)

**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. Amen.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Intercessory Prayer (SEATED)

The Sermon: Pastor Scott Floyd

"The School Of Hard Knocks" Genesis 29:1-30

¹ Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. ² As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, ³ and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well. ⁴ Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." ⁵ He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him." ⁶ He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!" ⁷ He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them." ⁸ But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep." ⁹ While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. ¹⁰ Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. ¹² And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father. ¹³ As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, ¹⁴ and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month. ¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed

to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) ²⁵ And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹ (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) ³⁰ So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

Main Idea: *Since our heavenly Father is always at work in our lives we are thankful in successes, tireless in hope, and transformed in troubles.*

- 1) Thankful In Successes (vv 1-14)
- 2) Tireless In Hope (vv 15-20)
- 3) Transformed In Troubles (vv 21-30)

Hymn #95 – Though Troubles Assail Us (STANDING)

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide, the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed; from them let us learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied so long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path, and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith. He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried, this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim; yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name, In this our strong tower for safety we hide: the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

The Benediction

The Three-Fold Amen (hymnal #740)

Amen, Amen, Amen.