

Hymn and Order of Worship – June 21, 2020

Organ Prelude: “All Creatures of our God” Don Shelley, organist

Welcome: Pastor Jeff Blevins

Apostles’ Creed in unison:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended in hell;
The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting. Amen!

Lord’s Prayer in unison

Hymn: “Rock of Ages” [A.M. Toplady. Thomas Hastings. CCLI lic #11537217]

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no longer know,
These for sin could not atone Thou must save, and Thou alone:
In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.
3. While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Responsive Reading: Romans 3.3-23

Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. As the Scriptures say,

**“No one is righteous—
not even one.
No one is truly wise;
no one is seeking God.
All have turned away;
all have become useless.
No one does good,
not a single one.”**

“Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave.
Their tongues are filled with lies.”
“Snake venom drips from their lips.”
“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”
“They rush to commit murder.

**Destruction and misery always follow them.
They don’t know where to find peace.”
“They have no fear of God at all.”**

Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Gloria Patri [all]

Message “The Level Playing Field” – Pastor Jeff Blevins

Hymn: “Only a Sinner Saved by Grace” [J.M. Gray. D.B. Towner. CCLI Lic #11537217]

Naught have I gotten but what I received,
Grace hath bestowed it since I have believed;
Boasting excluded, pride I abase.
I’m only a sinner saved by grace!

Chorus:

Only a sinner saved by grace! Only a sinner saved by grace!
This is my story, To God be the glory.
I'm only a sinner saved by grace.

Once I was foolish, and sin ruled my heart,
Causing my footsteps from God to depart;
Jesus hath found me, happy my case.
I now am a sinner saved by grace!

Tears unavailing, no merit had I,
Mercy had saved me, or else I must die;
Sin had alarmed me, fearing God's face.
But now I'm a sinner, saved by grace!

Suffer a sinner whose heart overflows,
Loving His Savor, to tell what he knows;
Once more to tell it would I embrace.
I'm only a sinner saved by grace!

Chorus:

Only a sinner saved by grace! Only a sinner saved by grace!
This is my story, To God be the glory.
I'm only a sinner saved by grace.

Special prayer needs –led by Pastor Blevins

Closing thoughts and prayer – Pastor Blevins

Benediction (singing together)