



**Today's Theme for Worship:** Sin and death rule the hearts and lives of people without Christ. Christ died to overcome the rule of sin and death. The Holy Spirit gives new life in Christ to those who are heirs of everlasting glory.

## **Opening Hymn: 120**

## **What Wondrous Love Is This**

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.

## **Order of Service: Service of the Word, p. 38**

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com - fort and my  
guid - ing star; I come, a sin - ner, trust - ing - ly And bring my man - y  
sins with me.

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; I groan in anguish of heart. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. *(selected verses from Psalm 38)*

O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be - neath the  
dread - ful weight Be mer - ci - ful to me I pray; take guilt and pun - ish -  
ment a - way.

## SILENT CONFESSION

Musical score for 'SILENT CONFESSION'. The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me cast my sin on you, For you have left your throne on high to suf - fer for the world and die.

P: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. In Jesus you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (*Ephesians 2:4-5 & 1:7*)

C: We have been brought from death to life. Sin shall not be our master, because we are not under law, but under grace. (*Romans 6:13-14*)

Musical score for 'SILENT CONFESSION'. The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly to o - bey your Word. While here I live a - bide with me Then take me home e - ter - nal - ly.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## ***♩ Oh Taste And See***

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;  
it stands firm in the heav-ens.  
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

## ***Prayer of the Day***

M: Let us Pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *♩ Amen.*

## ***First Lesson***

### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

#### *Resurrection of the Dry Bones*

**37** The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another.

<sup>8</sup>As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

<sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

## ***Psalm of the Day:***

## ***Psalm 116***

**Special Music sings the verses, congregation joins in the refrain**

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.

You are my God.

(Special Music)

My very soul returns in peace.

To your untroubled rest,

For you the bounty of the Lord

Abundantly have blest.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.

You are my God.

(Special Music)

God did indeed redeem my soul

That else in death had slept;

God has my eyes from tears set free

My feet from stumbling kept.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.

You are my God.

(Special Music)

What shall I render to the Lord,  
What shall my offering be,  
For all the gracious benefits  
God has bestowed on me?

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.  
You are my God.

(Special Music)

Salvation's cup my soul shall take  
While to my Lord I pray,  
And with God's people I will meet,  
My thankful vows to pay.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.  
You are my God.

(Special Music)

Not lightly do you, Lord permit  
Your chosen saints to die;  
From death you have delivered me;  
Your servant, Lord, am I.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.  
You are my God.

(Special Music)

Within God's house,  
the house of prayer,  
My soul shall bless the Lord,  
And praises to God's holy name.

Refrain

Lord, in you I trust.  
You are my God.  
Let all the saints accord.

## Second Lesson

### Romans 8:11-19

<sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it.

<sup>13</sup>For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

### Verse:

*John 3:15*

**M:** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

## Gospel

### John 11:17-27, 38-45

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

<sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

<sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup>Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

<sup>38</sup>Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### ***Hymn of the Day: 398*     Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults**

1 Lord, we confess our num'rous faults, How great our guilt has been,  
How vain and foolish all our thoughts, How deeply stained with sin.

2 But oh, my soul, forever praise, Forever love, his name  
Who turns your feet from dang'rous ways Of folly, sin, and shame.

3 'Tis not by works of righteousness Which our own hands have done,  
But we are saved by God's free grace Abounding through his Son.

4 'Tis from the mercy of our God That all our hopes begin;  
'Tis by the water and the blood Our souls are saved from sin.

5 'Tis through the purchase of his death Who hung upon the tree  
The Spirit is sent down to breathe On such dry bones as we.

6 Raised from the dead, we live anew; And, justified by grace,  
We shall appear in glory, too, And see our Father's face.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

### ***Sermon:***

*A printed version of today's sermon is available in the rack just outside the Sanctuary, or on the internet at our web page under sermon audio and sermon manuscripts.*



## ***Apostles' Creed, Hymnal, p. 41***

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## ***Offering Prayer***



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## ***Prayer of the Church***

### ***Lord's Prayer***

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

### ***Special Music***

### **Be Ye Glad**

In these days of confused situations  
In this night of a restless remorse  
When the heart and the soul of a nation  
Lay wounded and cold as a corpse

From the grave of the innocent Adam  
Comes a song bringing joy to the sad  
Oh, your cry has been heard  
and the ransom  
Has been paid up in full, be ye glad

Oh, be ye glad  
Oh, be ye glad  
Every debt that you ever had  
Has been paid up in full  
by the grace of the Lord  
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad

Now from your dungeon  
a rumor is stirring  
You have heard it again and again  
Oh, but this time the cell keys are turning  
And outside there are faces of friends

And though your body  
lay weary from wasting  
And your eyes show  
the sorrow they've had  
Oh, the love that your heart is now tasting  
Has opened the gate, be ye glad.

Oh, be ye glad!

So be like lights on the rim of the water  
Giving hope in a storm of the night  
Be a refuge amidst the slaughter  
Of these fugitives in their flight

For you are timeless and part of a puzzle  
You are winsome and young as a lad  
And there is no disease or no struggle  
That can pull you from God, be ye glad

Oh, be ye glad  
Oh, be ye glad  
Every debt that you ever had  
Has been paid up in full  
by the grace of the Lord  
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad

Oh, be ye glad  
Oh, be ye glad  
Every debt that you ever had  
Has been paid up in full  
by the grace of the Lord  
Be ye glad, be ye glad

Jesus paid it all!  
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad.

### ***Prayer Hymnal, p. 43***

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ A-men.**

### ***Blessing***

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### ***Closing Hymn: 104***

### **Go to Dark Gethsemane**

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.