

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK

April 18, 2021

We gather today as “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 the new covenant ...” Hebrews 12:23-24a

A Time for Praise:

Call to Worship Pastor Travis Gosnell

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 59:9–14

New Testament Reading John 10:7-13

Prayer Pastor Lucas Mann

Hymn of Praise *Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymn #87

(Trinity Hymnal)

Hymn of Psalm (*For the Beauty of the Earth*) Psalm 51:12-19

12 Give salvation's joy again,
And a willing mind sustain.

13 Then Thy perfect ways I'll show
That transgressors may them know;
They converted then shall be;
Sinners shall be turned to Thee.

14 Free me from the guilt of blood,
God, of my salvation God;
Then with joy my tongue shall raise
Songs Thy righteousness to praise.
15 Open Thou my lips, O Lord;
Then my mouth shall praise accord.

16 Sacrifice Thou wilt not take,
Else would I the off'ring make.
Off'rings burnt bring no delight,
But a broken heart, contrite,
17 God's accepted sacrifice,
Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

18 Prosper Zion in Thy grace;
Salem's broken walls replace.
19 Then shall sacrifices right,
Whole burnt off'rings Thee delight;
So will men, their vows to pay,
Bullocks on Thine altar lay.

A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Message .. “The Five C’s of Worship: Consecration” .. Pastor Lucas Mann

Romans 12:1

A Time for Surrender:

Closing Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* Hymn #552

(Celebration Hymnal)

Benediction Jude 1:24–25

Soli Deo Gloria

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
8:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Bible Study/LBC

Senior Adult for the Month of April: Pat Abrams

The Regulative Principle of Worship

By John Calvin

Moreover, the rule which distinguishes between pure and vitiated worship is of universal application, in order that we may not adopt any device which seems fit to ourselves, but look to the injunction of Him who alone is entitled to prescribe. Therefore, if we would have Him to approve our worship, this rule, which he everywhere enforces with the utmost strictness, must be carefully observed. For there is a twofold reason why the Lord, in condemning and prohibiting all fictitious worship, requires us to give obedience only to his own voice. First, it tends greatly to establish His authority that we do not follow our own pleasures but depend entirely on his sovereignty; and, secondly, such is our folly, that when we are left at liberty, all we are able to do is to go astray. And then when once we have turned aside from the right path, there is no end to our wanderings, until we get buried under a multitude of superstitions. Justly, therefore, does the Lord, in order to assert his full right of dominion, strictly enjoin what he wishes us to do, and at once reject all human devices which are at variance with his command. Justly, too, does he, in express terms, define our limits that we may not, by fabricating perverse modes of worship, provoke His anger against us.

I know how difficult it is to persuade the world that God disapproves of all modes of worship not expressly sanctioned by His Word. The opposite persuasion which cleaves to them, being seated, as it were, in their very bones and marrow, is, that whatever they do has in itself a sufficient sanction, provided it exhibits some kind of zeal for the honor of God. But since God not only regards as fruitless, but also plainly abominates, whatever we undertake from zeal to His worship, if at variance with His command, what do we gain by a contrary course? The words of God are clear and distinct, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men," (1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 15:9.) Every addition to His word, especially in this matter, is a lie. Mere "will worship" is vanity. This is the decision, and when once the judge has decided, it is no longer time to debate.

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“You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, by saying: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. And in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’” Matthew 15:7–9

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Worship: 10:00 am