



Sermon Series: Foundations of the Christian Faith from the Heidelberg Catechism

Baptism as a Sign and Seal of God's Promises

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- Genesis 12:1-3

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."
- Acts 2:38,39
He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,
- Romans 4:11

being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
- Colossians 1:11-12

order of worship

prelude

Leader: He is risen
People: He is Risen indeed !

call to worship : from Psalm 105

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
People: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac.
All: Praise the LORD!

songs of praise

Nothing but the Blood.
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Be Thou My Vision
Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
\save that Thou art
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,

and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
High king of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O ruler of all.

welcome & update

children's message

prayer for the world, the church & the city

confession

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant with those who love him, we have sinned and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments, failing to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Though we have claimed to be people of your Word, we confess that we are seldom filled with it. We neglect to read, neglect to understand, and neglect to obey. Instead of seeking hope in your Scriptures, we find hope in our idols, in our pleasures, and in the things of this world. Teach us O God to abide in Jesus, who is your Word made flesh. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness but because of your great mercy in Christ. It is in his name that we pray,
Amen.

private confession

assurance of pardon: Hebrews 10:19-23:

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

song of assurance

Surely the Presence/Spirit of the Living God

Surely the presence
of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty
pow - er and His grace.
I can hear
the brush of angels' wings;
I see glory on each face.

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of the Lord is in this place.
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the brush of angels' wings;
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Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me

tithes and offerings:

doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading: Acts 2:38-39, Titus 3:4-7 & Colossians 2:11-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today: Mike Hsu

sermon: Baptism as a Sign and Seal of God's Promises

sermon outline:

1. A Strange Story of Baptism
2. Baptism as a Sign and Seal
3. The Seal of the King's Signet Ring
4. The Relentless Pursuit of God
5. Baptism as an Invitation and Calling

the Lord's Supper | congregation stands

the Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

words of institution and declaration of faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

distribution of the Bread and the Cup

song of thanksgiving

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creations revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God

All powerful, untameable
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

All powerful, untameable
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God

Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing, God
You are amazing, God

benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

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INWARD

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