

Covenant Reformed Church

Sunday, June 30th, 2024

Call to Worship (preaching elder)

Psalm 117

“Praise Yahweh, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples! For His lovingkindness prevails over us,
And the truth of Yahweh is everlasting. Praise Yah!”

Elder: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy Spirit be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Song of Praise (stand)

[Psalm 117 - #224](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Collect Prayer (assisting elder)

Elder:

- An address to God;
- An acknowledgment of some aspect of God’s nature or character;
- The petition itself;
- The aspiration;
- The memorial pleading.

Cleansing from Sin

[*Why do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage? \(Psalm 2\) - #3*](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Confession of sin

Q. 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

Q. 84. What doth every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

[Agnus Dei - #727](#)

Elder: (you may sit or kneel) *moment of silence* Let us confess our sins together:

Congregation:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own heart. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen

Cleansing of the Gospel

Elder: Arise and hear good news! (rise) To all who rest upon Jesus Christ alone for their salvation I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost!

Congregation: AMEN

Elder: Our sins are forgiven through Christ!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

[Gloria Patri - #736](#)

Consecration

Ascent to God's Throne

Elder: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Elder: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is proper and right so to do.

[Holy, Holy, Holy! - #317](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Reading of the Law of God (sit)

Elder: Hear the Law of God (congregation to respond with the answer).

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his Word.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Congregation: AMEN

Reading of the Scripture

Elder: Hear the Word of the Lord (congregation to respond with the bold).

Numbers 32

Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had an exceedingly large number of livestock. And they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, that it was indeed a place suitable for livestock, so the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon, the land, which Yahweh struck before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock." And they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession; do not take us across the Jordan."

But Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here? "Now why are you discouraging the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which Yahweh has given them? "This is what your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

"Indeed they went up to the valley of Eshcol and saw the land, and they discouraged the sons of Israel so that they did not go into the land which Yahweh had given them. "So Yahweh's anger burned in that day, and He swore an oath, saying, 'None of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; for they did not follow Me fully, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have followed Yahweh fully.'

"So Yahweh's anger burned against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire generation of those who had done evil in the sight of Yahweh was brought to an end. "Now behold, you have risen up in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to add still more to the burning anger of Yahweh against Israel. "For if you turn away from following Him, He will once more abandon them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people."

Then they came near to him and said, "We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones; but we ourselves will be armed ready to go before the sons of

Israel, until we have brought them to their place, and our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

“We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance. “For we will not have an inheritance with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of the Jordan east.”

So Moses said to them, “If you will do this, if you will arm yourselves before Yahweh for the war, and all of you armed men cross over the Jordan before Yahweh until He has dispossessed His enemies from before Him, and the land is subdued before Yahweh, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward Yahweh and toward Israel, and this land shall be yours for a possession before Yahweh. “But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against Yahweh, and be sure your sin will find you out. “Build yourselves cities for your little ones and sheepfolds for your sheep, and do what you have promised.”

And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, “Your servants will do just as my lord commands. “Our little ones, our wives, our livestock, and all our cattle shall remain there in the cities of Gilead; but your servants, everyone who is armed for war, will cross over in the presence of Yahweh to battle, just as my lord says.”

So Moses gave a command concerning them to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers’ households of the tribes of the sons of Israel. And Moses said to them, “If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, everyone who is armed for battle, will cross with you over the Jordan in the presence of Yahweh, and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession; but if they will not cross over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.”

And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, “As Yahweh has said to your servants, so we will do. “We ourselves will cross over armed in the presence of Yahweh into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us across the Jordan.”

So Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Joseph’s son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og, the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with their territories, the cities of the surrounding land. And the sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer, and Atroth-shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah, and Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran as fortified cities, and sheepfolds for sheep. And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kiriathaim, and Nebo and Baal-meon—their names being changed—and Sibmah, and they gave other names to the cities which they built. And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it. So Moses gave Gilead to

Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it. And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its towns and called them Havvoth-jair. And Nobah went and took Kenath and its towns and called it Nobah after his own name.

Congregation: AMEN

Statement of Faith

Elder: Let us now affirm what we believe.

[The Apostles Creed - #712](#) (Pg. 819 at the back of the Cantus Christi to read)

Congregation: AMEN

Preaching of the Word (preaching elder)

Joshua

Prayer of Response

Elder: Pastoral prayer (colloquy prayer)

Song of Response (stand)

[Doxology - #734](#)

Thanksgiving (assisting elder)

Elder: Let us give thanks to God together.

Congregation:

Almighty God. Father of all mercies, We your unworthy servants, do give you our most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation and for all the blessings of this life. But above all, we thank you for your inestimable love and the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We also thank you for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

We beseech you now to give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all, honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offerings

Elder: We will now bring our offerings as we sing.

[Sing to the Lord of Harvest - #680](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Communion (preaching elder)

Elder: **You may be seated.** The words of institution & prayer

Elders to serve the table

[Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness - #504](#)

Congregation: AMEN

Elder: Let us pray to God together

Congregation:

“Our Father who is in heaven, ‘Hallowed be Your name. ‘Your kingdom come. ‘Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ‘Give us this day our daily bread. ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ‘For Yours is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. Amen.” (Matthew 6:9-13)

Elder:

“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”
(Matthew 6:14-15)

Commissioning

Elder: **Rise**

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Congregation: AMEN

Elder: Go now with God’s blessing

“Yahweh bless you, and keep you; Yahweh make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; Yahweh lift up His face on you, And give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Congregation: AMEN, AMEN, AMEN!