

Sunday, March 7, 2021 Order of Worship

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Song: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us (SFW 53)*

Reading of the Law of God: Deuteronomy 5:6-21
Hymn: *How Shall the Young Direct Their Way (TH 148)*

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Sermon Passage: Matthew 5:17-20 ESV
Sermon Series: "Kingdom Living: The Law of the Kingdom"
Pastor Jeff Landis

Hymn: *Most Perfect is the Law of God (TH 153)*
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The Lord's Blessing
Closing Hymn: *Doxology (TH 733)*

Meditation: Psalm 119:162-165 ESV
"I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.
I hate and abhor falsehood,
but I love your law.
Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous rules.
Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble."

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:28-29 ESV
"Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness."

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. [Chorus]
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind;
for all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. [Chorus]
3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore. [Chorus]

How Deep the Father's Love for Us *SFW 53*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:6-21 ESV

6 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.

7 "You shall have no other gods before me.

8 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of
anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or
that is in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not bow down to them
or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth
generation of those who hate me, 10 but showing steadfast love
to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

11 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for
the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God
commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your
work, 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it
you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your
male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any
of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your
male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 You
shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and
the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded
you to keep the Sabbath day.

16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God
commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well
with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

17 "You shall not murder

18 "And you shall not commit adultery.

19 "And you shall not steal.

20 "And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

21 "And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not
desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his
female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your
neighbor's.

How Shall the Young Direct Their Way? TH 148

1. How shall the young direct their way?
What light shall be their perfect guide?
Your Word, O Lord, will safely lead,
if in its wisdom they confide.
Sincerely I have sought you, Lord,
O let me not from you depart;
to know your will and keep from sin
your Word I cherish in my heart.

2. O blessed Lord, teach me your law,
your righteous judgments I declare;
your testimonies make me glad,
for they are wealth beyond compare.
Upon your precepts and your ways
my heart will meditate with awe;
your Word shall be my chief delight,
and I will not forget your law.

Congregational Prayer - Jack Ferrante, Elder

Pray that the Lord will send a good amount of rain to our valley this
coming week.

Pray that Dave Hill's virtual Celebration of Life service will be a
blessing for those who watch and will present Dave's Savior in a
clear and compelling way.

Pray that those who receive our care through the Food Pantry will
be provided for physically and will recognize the ministry is done in
the name and love of Christ.

Pray that citizens and leaders will be wise in their conduct and
decisions and prevent any sort of surge in COVID-19 cases.

Pray for the denominational Committee on Church Planting and
Church Extension as the executive committee meets on
Wednesday. Pray for Pastor Landis as he leads the committee and
this meeting.

Ancient Words *SFW* 55

1. Holy words, long preserved,
for our walk in this world;
they resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope;
in this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me and changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

2. Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age;
came to us thro' sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Ancient words, long preserved,
for our walk in this world;
they resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me and changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart. [Repeat]

Sermon Passage: Matthew 5:17-20 ESV

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon Series: "Kingdom Living" *The Law of the Kingdom* Pastor Jeff Landis

Introduction

- I. Christ and the Law - vv. 17-18
 - A. Question about Jesus' view of the law

 - B. Jesus' answer = I did not come to abolish the law

 - C. Christ came to fulfill the law

 - D. Some have misinterpreted Jesus' statement

- II. The Christian and the Law - vv. 19-20
 - A. All the law must be honored and obeyed

 - B. Followers of Christ must be more righteous than Scribes and Pharisees

 - C. The law is still the standard for righteousness and obedience

Conclusion

Most Perfect if the Law of God *TH 153*

1. Most perfect is the law of God, restoring those that stray;
his testimony is most sure, proclaiming wisdom's way.

REFRAIN:

O how love I thy law! O how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
O how love I thy law! O how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.

2. The precepts of the Lord are right;
with joy they fill the heart;
the Lord's commandments all are pure,
and clearest light impart. [Refrain]

3. The fear of God is undefiled
and ever shall endure;
the statutes of the Lord are truth
and righteousness most pure. [Refrain]

4. They warn from ways of wickedness
displeasing to the Lord,
and in the keeping of his Word
there is a great reward. [Refrain]

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Growth Group Questions

1. What have you missed the most during the pandemic? When you are able, what do you look forward to doing?
2. The Westminster Confession of Faith, in chapter 19, classifies the Old Testament law in three categories. What are they? What is our relationship today to each category?
3. Reformed churches have recognized three uses of the law of God. What are they? Which one is Jesus using in Matthew 5?
4. In Matthew 23 Jesus proclaims seven woes on the Scribes and Pharisees. What were some of Jesus' charges against their inadequate practice of righteousness?
5. What do the following passages teach us about the Christian's relationship to the law of God?
 - a. Ezekiel 36:25-27
 - b. Hebrews 10:16
 - c. John 14:15
 - d. 1 John 5:3
6. In what ways might you need to change your perspective on the Old Testament as a result of Jesus' teaching?