

Worship. · Witness. · Walk in Love

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

Eastertide

May 17, 2020

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Come, Christians Join to Sing!

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 20

Q53. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

Gen. 1:1-2; Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Gal. 4:6; Gal. 3:14; John 15:26; Acts 9:31; John 14:16-17; 1 Pet. 4:14

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

GLORIFYING GOD

10,000 Reasons

CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 31:21-23

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. Love the LORD, all his saints! **The LORD preserves the faithful.**

LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

From the Inside Out

MISSIONS MINUTE

RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:1-14

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶ just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

SERMON The Free Life: Freely Blessed Pastor Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

RESPONDING IN SONG

Remind Me Who I Am

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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.

OFFERING

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.

And that is what we are!