

More Than a Carpenter

“The Challenge of the New Atheists”

October 3, 2021

8:15 a.m.

WELCOME

(At this time, please take a moment to sign the red Fellowship Book and pass it down your row. Visitors, please give us your address so we can welcome you.)

OPENING HYMN “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LSB 816 vs. 1

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator’s praise arise

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung

Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INTROIT *Psalm 19:2, 4-6; antiphon: Psalm 19:1*

Pastor: As we began in our baptism, so we begin our worship, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen. The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

Pastor: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

**All: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

Pastor: In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

All: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The heavens declare the glory of the God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

**Sing: Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord
Eternal truth attends Thy Word
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our Father.

People: **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Day after day we have done things we ought not to have done, and have not acted as Your faithful servants. We have neglected the salvation You so graciously have provided for us. We know we deserve Your punishment. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love.**

Pastor: With confident joy, I announce to you that God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon our confession, our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**Sing: All praise to God the Father be
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

THE PSALM Psalm 19:1-6

- 19** The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

THE HOLY GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

THE MESSAGE *“The Challenge of the New Atheists”* Pastor Marty Hufford

CREED Lord’s Prayer- Sixth Petition

Pastor: In the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “lead us not into temptation.”
What does this mean?

People: **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

Pastor: What do we ask God to do for us when we pray this petition?

People: **We ask our Father in heaven to give us strength to resist and overcome temptations.**

Pastor: We do well to keep in mind Paul’s words to the Corinthians:

People: **“If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”**

**Eternal Spirit of the living Christ
I know not how to ask or what to say
I only know my need, as deep as life
And only You can teach me how to pray**

**Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day
Help me to see Your purpose and Your will
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss
Held in forgiving love, let me be still**

**Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear
Of human need; O give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me**

PRAYERS

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy Father, it is truly right for us to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places. We praise you especially for your son Jesus, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens, sits at your right hand, and poured out the Holy Spirit on his church. And so, with the church on earth and all the voices of heaven, we praise your name and join together to sing:

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord's peace always be with you.

People: **Amen.**

We believe and teach that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Through these gifts the forgiveness of our sins is communicated and our faith is strengthened. If this is your faith as a baptized Christian, please join us at the altar, which is the Lord's Table.

Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Individual cups contain wine.

Individual cups of juice and gluten free wafers are available –
simply ask at the table during communion

THE LORD'S SUPPER

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB 702

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine**

**Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire!**

**As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread
Be Thou my guide**

**Bid darkness turn today, wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll**

**Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

“Cornerstone”

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (repeat)**

***Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all***

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil (*chorus 2X*)**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
Faultless to stand before the throne (*chorus*)**

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

**Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat**

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when You call Your fam’ly Lord
We follow and rejoice (Refrain)**

**With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord
To share this heav’nly food (Refrain)**

**Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)**

**The myst’ry of Your presence, Lord
No mortal tongue can tell
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell (Refrain)**

**You give Yourself to us, O Lord
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW 343

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but you are mighty, hold me with your pow’rful hand
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore
Feed me now and evermore**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, shield me with your mighty arm
Shield me with your mighty arm**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canann’s side
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore
I will raise forevermore**

OFFERINGS

May be placed in the baskets at the door.

(To our guests: Today’s offering is an opportunity for members and those who consider Peace their church home to participate in God’s ministry here. You are welcome to do the same, but should not feel obligated.)

We also have the option to accept *online* offerings. A link to submit an offering online may be found in the weekly e-newsletter, or on our website: www.peacehome.org. Thank you for your faithful support!



Peace Prayer Page 10/3/2021

Peace's Prayer Ministry has a number of options available for your prayer needs: Prayer Ministers are available on an individual basis in the front of the Sanctuary after each Sunday service. During the week, you may contact the Church Office to have prayers listed on the Prayer Page and included during worship services. You may also contact the Peace Prayer Chain Ministry directly 24/7 via e-mail at prayerchain@peacehome.org which goes out to over 35 partners in prayer.

Thanksgiving

...for the 41st wedding anniversary of Angelo and Darlene M.

Healing & Care

...for **Hana** (niece of Jamie F.) recovering from emergency surgery after a car accident

...for **Alyssa** (granddaughter of John and Shirley K.) wrestling with chronic health issues

...for **Sue D.**, having upcoming knee replacement surgeries

...for **Nancy** (mother of Michelle B.) needing to have heart valve surgery

...for **Mike** (uncle of Kristin H.) now on hospice care

...for **Arline** (friend of JoAnn V.) suffering from Stage-4 bladder cancer

...for **Matthew C.** (son of Nancy C.) with non-covid related breathing problems, prayer for restored health

...for **Carol Nolen** (wife of Steve N.) recovering from surgery to repair a tear in her colon

...for **Everly Grace R.** (granddaughter of Jeff and Carol R.) finally home from the NICU at Central DuPage Hospital, pray for her parents as they learn how to address her special needs at home while also caring for their 4-year-old

...for **Pedro and Judith M.** (parents of Michelle E.) who are both recovering from surgery

...for **Emily R.** being treated for cancer on both her tongue and in her lymph nodes

...for **Chris T.** undergoing treatment for cancer

...for **Patty** (best friend of Diana S.) undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer

...for **Mary Anne N.** on hospice care

God's Comfort

...on **Steve M. and his family** as they mourn the death of his brother-in-law, Bill