



October 10, 2021—9:00 am
Sanctuary

If possible, please sit towards the center of the pews to make space for others.

Men despise that which is broken, but God will not. He will not overlook it, he will not refuse or reject it... Let this be the continued joy of all the redeemed, that they have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.

- Matthew Henry, Commentary on Psalm 51:16

Prelude (8:50)

Convocation

Charles Callahan

Community Life Update (8:55)

*Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

All: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader: The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Invocation

Hymnal, 101

¹ Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

² Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

³ Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

⁴ To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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*Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Molly Kate Gibson

*daughter of Jason and Tatia Gibson
assisted by Ruling Elder Jamie Lightcap*

Blessing to Our Covenant Children

French Huguenot Blessing

**Blessed child of the Covenant, for you God made the world.
For you the prophets and patriarchs were sent. For you the covenants and promises were given.
For you God's revelation was written down. For you our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ became a man,
lived a perfect life, died upon the cross, and was raised again for your salvation.
You cannot possibly know these things now,
but we your church promise to tell them to you until you make them your own.**

Doxology

Old Hundredth

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.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:16-17; Hebrews 10:4-6, 11-14

...You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise...

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure..." And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*Hymn of Worship

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

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*Affirmation of Faith

Based on Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. With his precious blood, he has fully paid for all my sins, and redeemed me from the power of evil. All things must work together for my salvation, and not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. The Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life, and makes me ready and willing, from now on, to live for him.

Tithes and Generous Giving

I Am Not My Own

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.

*The offering is an act of worship where we declare our dependence on the Lord
and take time to prayerfully consecrate ourselves to him. To give, visit give.mitchellroad.org.
Tithes and Offerings may also be placed in the offering box at the exits of the Sanctuary as you leave.*

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own; I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own; His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.

I am not my own, I am not my own, I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him, I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort,
I belong to Him; I will live for Him, forever and evermore!

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Defining the Offense

Andy Lewis

Series: Life or Death—Killing Our Sin Before It Kills Us

*Hymn of Response

Amazing grace! —how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Worship Today:

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Mark Reed, Executive Pastor

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to glory of God
in honor of the baptism of Molly Kate Gibson
by Dave and Sabrena McMillan (Popi and Mimi).*

"Clear Focus: How to Become an Effective Disciple Maker" - Dr. Stephen Reel
October Sunday Morning Elective - Begins Today at 10:10 am

When we focus intently on *who*, we begin to escape the tyranny of *what* that steals the joy from our lives and service. This is the essence of biblical discipleship—what we have been commissioned by Jesus Christ to do. Follow Him through any day of His ministry, and you will see that He is always focused on a *who*. There were many distractions along the way, but Jesus' focus was resolutely centered upon those He came to seek and to save. By learning from His example, we can experience more clear focus in our own lives and become more effective in making disciples.

New Members' Class Coming Soon!

Would you like to become a member of Mitchell Road or learn more about our church and our denomination? Plan to join us for our New Members Class which begins next Sunday at 9:45 am and runs for six weeks. Find out more and register today at mitchellroad.org/events.