Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: I Kings 21 p.563

Message: "Witnesses to the Truth Who Listen" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "They'll Know We Are Christians" LUYH 256

*We Profess Our Faith: Heidelberg Q&A 112
What is the aim of the ninth commandment?
That I never give false testimony against anyone,
twist no one's words, not gossip or slander,
nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing.
Rather, in court and everywhere else,
I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind;
these are the very devices the devil uses,
and they would call down on me God's intense wrath.
I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.
And I should do what I can
to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" LUYH 334:1,2,4,5

Postlude: "Prelude & Fugue in C" J.S. Bach

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Violin: Parks Brawand

Vocalist: Emily Eppinga

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Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021



Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.



Gathering

Prelude: "Adagio" Guilmant/Callahan

"All Glory Be to God on High" Armsdorf/Slater

Welcome

Opening Prayer & Call to Worship LUYH 494

*Song: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" LUYH 540

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Let All Things Now Living" LUYH 5

Renewal

Call to Confession: James 3:9-10

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth comes praise and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

May my tongue proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-19
Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity

and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing mercy. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Song of Thanksgiving: "His Mercy Is More"

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. 3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (to chorus)

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Profession of Faith of Sam Eppinga

Prayer of Blessing and Laying on of Hands

Song: "O Praise the Name (Anastasis)"

- 1. I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Saviour on that cursed tree.
 - His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
 The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus: O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

- 3. Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.

 O trampled death, where is your sting?

 The angels roar for Christ the King. (to chorus)
- 4. He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night.

 And I will rise among the saints,

 my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (to chorus)

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Word

Children's Blessing & Song: "Open Our Eyes"

Open up our ears to listen. Open up our eyes to see. Plant the seed of understanding. Grow it up like the tallest tree.

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Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, we invite you to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.