

THE LORD'S DAY



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United Reformed Church of Nampa, ID
Rev. Nick Smith, Pastor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 AM

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Martin Van Egmond

†Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-22

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the LORD!

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

Amen!

†“Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Psalter Hymnal #360

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:35-40

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward each other. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:6-10

†Psalm 98
Pastoral Prayer
†Psalm 22

Psalter Hymnal #191

Psalter Hymnal #37

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

1 Peter 1:1-9

1 PETER 1:3-9

BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE

II. EXPOSITION OF 1 PETER

†“Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness” *Psalter Hymnal* #423
†Confession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†Psalm 42

Psalter Hymnal #75

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Amen!

†*Doxology* (unannounced)

Psalter Hymnal #493

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.

Postlude

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:30 PM

Prelude
Silent Prayer
Installation of Office-bearers

†Call to Worship *Psalter Hymnal* 95:1-3

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

Our help is in the name of the LORD, *Psalter Hymnal* 124:8

Who made heaven and earth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

Ephesians 1:2

†Psalm 95

Psalter Hymnal #184

†God’s Law: The Joyful Life of Gratitude

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever!

You shall not make for yourself a carved image.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

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.

Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, 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.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not murder.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

†Psalm 19 *Psalter Hymnal #29*

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 23 *Psalter Hymnal #40*

Scripture Reading *Hebrews 7:11-28*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE TWO NATURES OF CHRIST
BELGIC CONFESSION, ARTICLE XIX

We believe that by this conception the person of the Son is inseparably united and connected with the human nature; so that there are not two Sons of God, nor two persons, but two nature united in one single person; yet each nature retains its own distinct properties. As, then, the divine nature has always remained uncreated, without beginning of days or end of life, filling heaven and earth, so also has the human nature not lost its properties but remained a creature, having beginning of days, being a finite nature, and retaining all the properties of a real body. And though He has by His resurrection given immortality to the same, nevertheless He has not changed the reality of His human nature; forasmuch as our salvation and resurrection also depend on the reality of His body.

But these two natures are so closely united in one person that they were not separated even by His death. Therefore that which He, when dying, commended into the hands of His Father, was a real human spirit, departing from His body. But in the meantime the divine nature always remained united with the human, even when He lay in the grave; and the Godhead did not cease to be in Him, any more than it did when He was an infant, though it did not so clearly manifest itself for a while. Wherefore we confess that He is **very God** and **very man**: very God by His power to conquer death; and very man that He might die for us according to the infirmity of His flesh.

†“How Bright Appears the Morning Star” *Psalter Hymnal #336*

Offering *Benevolence Fund*

†Benediction *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

†*Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Simeon, Luke 2:28-32) *Psalter Hymnal #334*

Now may Thy servant, Lord, According to Thy word, Depart in exultation. My rest shall be serene, For lo, mine eyes have seen Thy wonderful salvation.

Thou didst for all prepare This Gift, so great, so rare, That peoples might adore Thee; A light to show the way To nations gone astray, And unto Israel's glory.

Postlude