We Remember God’s Covenant Faithfulness

The Call to Faithfulness: Romans 6:3-7, 11-13

Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving Father. We confess that we do not always live the new life you have given us. Forgive us when we live for ourselves instead of offering ourselves to you. Free us from sin that allures us. Fill us with your Spirit and remind us that we are no longer slaves to sin. Use us as instruments of righteousness. We pray boldly in the name of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

We who gather long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

We Celebrate God’s Covenant Promises

The Explanation of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptisms:

Everett Lane DenBoer, son of Lane and Anna DenBoer
Prayer Partner: Steve and Jennifer Schroder

Anna Grace Guinn, daughter of Anthony and Stephanie Guinn
Prayer Partner: Heather Scholma

Ava Jane Miedema, daughter of Matt and Megan Miedema
Prayer Partner: Sheryll Poel

The Baptismal Blessing

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Explanation of Profession of Faith

The Professions of Faith:

Olivia Ackerman, Lily Batts, Carmen Day, Leah Elliot, Ellie Scholma, Simon Speulstra, Maraleisa VandenHeuvel

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer
The Anthem
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Martin Neary

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, — where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain:
O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there’s despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy. (Refrain)

Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life. (Refrain)

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The Offertory: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Charles Callahan, David Cherwien

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“God, You Call Us to This Place” Robert Hobby

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Sara Good – organist
Ted Rozeboom – vocalist
Brad Van Hattem and Albert Doorn – Cross and Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God’s Word.

The special offering for the month of August is for Home Repair Services of West Michigan. They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

This evening, we welcome guest seminarian and LaGrave member Grant Mensonides, who will lead us in worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

The Sermon: “LEAVE ROOM FOR GOD’S WRATH”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 473
“Come, You Thankful People Come”

*The Benediction


*The Organ Amen