

EVENING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 115 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith **The Heidelberg Catechism #46-49**

Leader: What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

Leader and People: That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

Leader and People: Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

Leader: If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

Leader and People: Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

Leader: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

Leader and People: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

The Scripture Reading **Exodus 23**

The Hymn Sing

The Evening Prayer

The Sermon Rev. Dean Williams

Psalm 1
The Supremely Blessed One

The Psalm **Psalm 1**

That man is blessed who does not walk as wicked men advise, nor stand where sinners meet, nor sit where scorners pose as wise. Instead, he is the one who makes the Lord's law his delight, and in that law he meditates by day and in the night.

He's like a deeply planted tree beside a water stream, which in its season bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green. In all he does he will succeed. The wicked are not so, but they are like the scattered chaff swept by the winds that blow.

The wicked therefore will not stand when time of judgment comes, nor will the sinners stand among assembled righteous ones. Because the Lord the righteous loves; the path they walk He knows. The wicked walk a different path, that to destruction goes.

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The Benediction

