

Prayer

Hymn # 693: *Blessed Assurance*

Benediction

After the service, as you leave there will be a collection for the debt reduction.

Reminder – after each service there will be Elders available at the front of the sanctuary to meet with you individually to pray for you or any concerns you or your family may have.

Pleasing God

According to Genesis 5:24, Enoch did not taste death. He lived a life of faith in which he walked with God, and in the midst of that walk, “God took him.” What a marvelous statement. The text does not say that Enoch simply went to heaven (though he surely did), but rather that God took Enoch for Himself as one whose walk with God began on this earth and continued into the joys of eternity. Geerhardus Vos rightly noted that something unique can be seen when we juxtapose the lives of Abel and Enoch. In Abel we see the first example not only of martyrdom, but of those who enter into heaven with God through the veil of death. Enoch, however, does not taste death. He enters into God’s eternal rest as one who lived by faith, walked with God, and then was miraculously taken up into the presence of God. These are the two doors into heaven: those who die and yet live by way of being raised up on the other side of death, and those who are alive at Christ’s coming and are simply carried into the bliss of eternal life *apart from experiencing death.*

The life and translation of Enoch display not only how it is that we come to please God but also what the reward is for those who live and seek God by faith. The reward is God Himself. This is exactly what God tells Abraham in Genesis 15:1. God is Abraham’s shield as well as his very great reward. What greater thing can await us in heaven than that of perfected communion with God? Hebrews 11:6 makes it very clear that the life that is pleasing to God is a life lived by faith and by seeking after God Himself. Faith is not meritorious. It does not earn anything from God, as God’s favor and promises cannot be earned. Yet faith receives and rests upon Christ in the gospel and apprehends the promises of God in wondrous ways. Scripture compels us to join with faithful Enoch and imitate his well-pleasing faith by seeking God and walking in sweet fellowship with Him by faith.

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Welcome, Announcements and Silent Prayer (10:25)

The Prelude: *A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
(Elder to Lead Worship – Eric Eagle)*

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:14-18 (Responsively)

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

You open your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

Salutation: 2 Thessalonians 1:2

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

Invocation: Adapted from Richard Baxter, 1660. (Elder)

Eternal, Almighty, and most gracious God: heaven is your throne, and earth is your footstool; holy and reverend is your name; You are praised by the angels of heaven, and in the gathering of your church on earth. Despite our unworthiness, You have invited us through our Mediator, Jesus Christ, to present ourselves and our prayers to You. Receive us graciously. Help us by your Spirit. Let us stand in awe of You. Put your law into our hearts, and write it on our minds. Let your word come to us in power, and help us receive it in love, with attentive, reverent, and teachable minds. Through your word, allow us to taste the flavor of eternal life. Make us fervent in prayer and joyful in praise. Help us serve you this day without distraction, that we may find that a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and that it is good for us to come near to God; we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

* **Hymn # 115:** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

* Congregation Stands

Confession of Faith: BB Warfield (Elder)

I believe that God requires of me, under the gospel, first of all, that, out of a true sense of my sin and misery and apprehension of His mercy in Christ, I should turn with grief and hatred away from sin and receive and rest upon Jesus Christ alone for salvation; that, so being united to Him, I may receive pardon for my sins and be accepted as righteous in God's sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to me and received by faith alone; thus, and thus only, do I believe I may be received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

I believe that, having been pardoned and accepted for Christ's sake, it is further required of me that I walk in the Spirit whom He has purchased for me, and by whom love is shed abroad in my heart; fulfilling the obedience I owe to Christ my King; faithfully performing all the duties laid upon me by the holy law of God my heavenly Father; and ever reflecting in my life and conduct the perfect example that has been set me by Christ Jesus my leader, who has died for me and granted to me His Holy Spirit that I may do the good works which God has afore prepared that I should walk in them.

Confession of Sin

Faithful Lord, we confess that we have walked by sight and not by faith. We have served in our own strength instead of the strength which You supply; we have relied on our own resources rather than trusting You to provide; we have been consumed by worry, guilt, and restlessness because we seek to control our own lives rather than resting and relying on You for everything that we need for life and godliness. Yet we know that even when we are faithless, You will remain faithful for You cannot deny Yourself. Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, and by the power of Your Spirit work in us true and genuine repentance that gives life to true and genuine faith. Grant us a zealous heart, fervent devotion, and tireless hope in the Gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Prayer**Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 18-19 (Elder)**

"...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

* **Hymn # 705:** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Offertory Scripture/Prayer: Proverbs 11:24 (Elder)

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Tithes and Offerings/Offertory Music

Doxology: Hymn # 731

Choir anthem: *Word of God Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

Repeat Chorus 2 x

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

Prayer for the Congregation

Scripture Reading : Genesis 5:21-24

Sermon: *Walking with Enoch* by Pastor Mark Scholten

Communion Hymn # 591: *Jesus Calls Us* (verses 1, 3, 5)

Communion Invitation (*Please move to the center sections*)

The Bread and Cup (*Elders will bring the elements to you, Please retain the elements so we can partake together*)