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Today's Focus:

FREEDOM TO SERVE CHRIST

Pre-Service prayer: Lord God, our dear heavenly Father, we confess that our sins have separated us from You. Yet by Your grace You have delivered us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Move us, O Lord, ever to hold fast to our Savior, and in faith to serve Him all the days of our lives. Bless our worship this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 2 (Red Hymnal)

To Thy Temple I Repair

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE - Worship Supplement, Page 12

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 38:1-11 (on back) *As Job's trials continued, he grew weary, came close to despair, and began to question God. God responded by asking Job a series of questions aimed at helping Job realize the stark contrast between the power and wisdom of God and that of any human being. We ought not question God but rather place our full faith and confidence in His power and grace!*

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 27:1,7,14

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

Cong: Whom shall I fear?

L: The LORD is the strength of my life;

C: Of whom shall I be afraid?

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

C: Have mercy upon me, and answer me.

L: Wait on the LORD; be of good courage,

C: And He shall strengthen your heart. Glory be to God! AMEN.



Mark 4:35-41 (on back) *As Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee, Jesus fell asleep. When a fierce storm descended upon the sea and seemingly placed their lives in jeopardy, the disciples in fear woke Jesus to alert Him to their peril. Jesus stilled the storm and so demonstrated His almighty power -- a power He is prepared to use also to save us!*

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 375 v. 1, 4-5 (Red Hymnal)

If Thy Beloved Son, O God

SERMON NIV 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.



16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We

implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

THEME: WE HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST!

1. **Motivated** by Christ
2. **Dedicated** to Christ
3. **Renewed** through Christ
4. **Ambassadors** for Christ!

OFFERTORY - Worship Supplement, Page 16

HYMN 773 (Worship Supplement)

Rise, Shine, You People!

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 54 (Red Hymnal)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book in the hallway. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

TODAY: Bible Class continues with our Comparative Religion study. Come and take notes!

PLEASE CHECK your church calendars for upcoming dates. There are extras in the entryway.