

THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2020

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.
Isaiah 45:18-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION Isaiah 45:22
"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." So help us God by your Word and Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 42:10-13
Pastor: *Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains.*

People: *Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands. The LORD goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE *Behold the Lamb*

CONFESSION OF SIN *Prone to Wander*

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 45

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD Pastor Mike Schuelke
"I Am the LORD, and There Is No Other"

HYMN OF PROMISE

Our Great God

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

GLORIA PATRI

PRONE TO WANDER by Barbara R. Duguid & Wayne Duguid Houk

Troubled Hearts

Heavenly Father,

Many of us come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We are fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and many other things. We have a hard time believing in you in a way that would bring comfort to our hearts. Instead we greatly doubt your love and concern for us, and sometimes even your very existence. We are not calmed by the thought that you have prepared a place for us in heaven. Father, forgive our unbelief.

Jesus, thank you for your fearless faith. Thank you that for the joy that was set before you, you persevered through far greater pain and suffering than anything we will ever suffer—in fact, through greater pain and suffering than we can even imagine. Thank you that you will come back and take us to be with you forever, wiping away all our tears and comforting at last our grieving and broken hearts.

Holy Spirit, help us to believe in Christ. Help us to believe that in his death we died, and that in his resurrection we are raised to new life. Give us the joy and peace that should flow from that reality, as we continue to face the broken world in which we live, especially as we face the last enemy, death itself. Help us to live in the light of our full forgiveness, and to die with great confidence in the sufficiency of your grace to us in Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray, amen.