



Gaines Chapel

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April 7, 2024



Preparation for Worship (Music Playing)

Greetings and Salutation: Rev. Tonya McCleary

Welcome and Invocation: Sis. Linda Harvey

The Call to Worship: Sis. Mary Honeyblue

Leader: Gracious God, we have gathered separately, yet together to worship You. Almighty God, we come into Your presence, although seated and situated in various places, yet still together because we know that where two or three are gathered in Your name, you are in the midst. Loving Father, you are our creator and redeemer. You are the author and finisher of our faith.

People: Lord Jesus, we come into Your presence, collectively, we come into your presence, faithfully, we come into Your presence in unity to worship You!

Congregational Hymn

FULL DECALOGUE

**“From All that Dwell Below the Skies, Let thy Creator’s Praise Arise
Let The Redeemer’s Name Be Sung, through Every Land by Every Tongue”**

Rev. Tonya McCleary: “And God spoke all these words saying: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

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Minister: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work; thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

“My soul be on thy guard: Ten thousand foes arise; And hosts of sin are pressing hard, To draw you from the skies.”

Minister: Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not kill.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our hearts.

“Nearer my God, to thee! Nearer to thee, E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to thee. Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee!”

SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Rev. Tonya McCleary Hear what Christ our Savior saith, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all my mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

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GLORIA PATRI—GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Preparation for the Word (Music Playing)

The Message: Rev. Jaimie Harvey

Kingdom Invitation (Salvation, Discipleship and Fellowship) & Altar Prayer Rev. Jaimie Harvey

Worship of Giving

Tither's Pledge: Bro. Aaron Pulley

Dear Lord, we raise our gifts to You, trusting in the covenants. You promised us that when we give our best to You, You will give back even greater. We understand that tithing is an act of faith and a testimony to Your faithfulness. Lord, we are grateful for Your continued excellence in our lives, so we offer unto You our best, believing that You, LORD God, are our strength and power, and You will keep us covered in every situation and supply every need so that there is no lack; You will make our ways perfect. Amen.

Offertory Prayer: Sis. Kathleen Seeney

Offertory Response: "All things come of thee O'Lord, and of Thy own, have we given thee"

Announcements: Rev. Tonya McCleary

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Prayers:

Rev. Jaimie Harvey: Peace be to your house, our homes, and to everyone within these sanctuary walls. O Holy One, we give thanks to you for places of worship which, when built upon faith in you and your blessed Son, our Savior, become truly a haven of rest and peace and a place where your Holy Spirit dwells.

Rev. Jaimie Harvey: Accept, O God, our homes, and this sanctuary in which we joyfully acknowledge you as the head. With our heart and soul, yes, with our whole being, we praise you and give thanks, for so great a blessing. Here you have allowed us to raise an altar in home and church. Bless us, our families, those who abide and worship within, and the whole family of God. Forgive us our sins as we gratefully receive the sacrament of the church, the broken body and shed blood of our redeemer, Christ Jesus. Amen.

The General Confession: Rev. Jaimie Harvey

Almighty God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us; we do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our

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misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful God, for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of Pardon: Rev. Tonya McCleary

Almighty God, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to you with true repentance and sincere faith; have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration: Rev. Tonya McCleary

All glory, power, and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Benediction ... Rev. Jaimie Harvey

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