

**MEMORY VERSE**  
**for January 10, 2009**  
**Romans 8:1-14**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. **12** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

**The Lord's Day**  
**January 3, 2010**  
**Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.**



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.  
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.  
Assisted listening devices are available from the sound booth attendant.

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**†Silent Prayer**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13.8)

Treasured truth to open the year and to keep constantly in view amid the fluctuating and changeable circumstances arising both within and without, and all around! My soul, meditate upon it; fold it up in your bosom to have recourse to as may be required. Lord Jesus, help us to contemplate you as the Redeemer, the Savior, the Anointed, the Sent, the Glorious One, yesterday, today, and forever. You are the same in love, in the efficacy of Your redemption; Your blood to cleanse; Your righteousness to justify; Your fullness to supply grace here and glory hereafter. Amid all our variableness, our frames, our fears and doubts, You are faithful. We trust in you, our great God and Savior. In the name of Christ, Amen.

—Adapted from Robert Hawker (1753—1827)

*\*Congregation standing †Congregation invited to kneel*

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 107:1-9

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

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**†Confession of Sin**

*Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Confession of Faith**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong--body and soul, in life and in death--to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

—Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1

**\*Hymn of Faith in Christ**

“The Power of the Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

CHORUS: This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

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