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It is the Lord who bestows upon us freely and graciously the good things of this life. He is interested in the common mercies we enjoy. God gives them since he is the absolute Lord of heaven and earth. All is God's, and the blessings we enjoy are on loan from him. He is the great landlord who has leased them to the sons of men. God has given the earth for us to occupy and enjoy, but also gives a particular allotment for each man's portion. These things do not come by chance, by the gift of others, or by our own industry, but by the peculiar designation of God's providence. Whatever avenue they come, by donation, purchase, labor, or by inheritance, they were sent by God. He directed the means to get them to us. The hearts of men are in the hand of God, and it was God that prompted them to be kind to us and become instruments of his providence to nourish us. God bestows his blessings by his providence and by his covenant promises. God's providence extends to all men. Even the wicked enjoy possessions of his common bounty. But God bestows his covenant blessings only to believers. What little a righteous man has with the Lord is better than the treasures of many wicked. It is seasoned with God's love, and is better than the bounty of wicked men. Contentment is also one of God's blessings we should ask for when we pray. Bread provides our need, but our enjoyment of it is also his blessing. Happiness does not lie in abundance, but in the suitableness of our mind to our estate (Luke 12:15). There is a twofold war in man: the war between a man and his conscience which breeds trouble of mind, and a war between his affections and his condition which breeds murmuring and envious grumbling. So, pray for contentment also when you pray, 'Give us this day our daily bread.'

– **Thomas Manton**



Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God

There can be no covenant without a canon or a canon without a covenant. In fact, the covenant is the canon and vice versa. Furthermore, like the Ancient Near Eastern treaties, the old and new covenant canons include among their sanctions a death sentence for anyone who attempts even the slightest emendation (Exod. 25:16, 21; 40:20; Deut. 4:2; 10:2, 31:9-13; cf. Deut. 27; Josh. 8:30-35; Rev. 22:18). The United States Constitution cannot be amended by the executive or judicial branches but only by the legislative, since this branch represents the people, who are its authors. God, however, is the Suzerain (or Great King) of his church, and he alone has the authority to determine its content. The canon is no more the creation of the church than a nation's constitution is the creation of its courts. The covenant Lord creates a people out of nothing by his speech and shapes, regulates, and defines the covenantal life of that people by his canon.

– **Michael Horton**

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

Preparation for Worship

*“For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from Him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.”
Psalm 62:1-2 (ESV)*

*Prelude to Worship.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Chiming of the Hour

*Worship in Music Adult Choir
The Lord is My Light
Craig Courtney*

Invocation

*“Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, ‘O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.’”
Daniel 9:3-5 (ESV)*

**Call to Worship... Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (page 2)*

**Scripture Reading.....Psalm 116*

Confession of Sin and Pastoral Prayer

Adoration

*“And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’”
Revelation 7:11-12 (ESV)*

*Hymn..... Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty (page 61)
Blessed Assurance (page 345)

**Scripture Reading.....Romans 13:8-14*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

Exposition

*“He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”
Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)*

Pastor Jess Smith.....Romans 13:8-14

Consecration

*“What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.”
Psalm 116:12-14 (ESV)*

**Hymn of CommitmentHave Faith in God (page 408)*

Benediction

*“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”
Jude 24-25 (ESV)*

*Postlude.....Amelia Kelly
Glen Harper*

**Congregation please stand*