



February 11, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory (TH #122)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (TH #521)

*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Exodus 12:33-42 (pg. 54)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

Praise Waits for Thee in Zion (TH #372)

Sermon – The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:31 – 38 (pg. 894)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (TH #257)

*Closing Song – A Few More Years Shall Roll (TH #540)

*Gloria Patri (TH #735)

*Benediction

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and have been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

Food for Thought

"If Jesus is offering freedom, the assumption is that these Jews are currently slaves. This they emphatically deny: how can they be considered slaves to anyone or anything when they are *Abraham's descendants* (lit. 'seed')? It is unlikely that the objection means the Jews have never been in political subjection to anyone. That would be absurd: there was scarcely a major power whom the Jews had *not* served: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Syria and Rome had all held the Jews in political captivity. True, their relative freedom and especially their religious independence under the Romans (whether in the days of Jesus or when John most likely wrote this book) was substantial; yet the fact remains that they were in service to Caesar. It is much more probable that the Jews are talking about spiritual, inward freedom and privilege....

Jesus thus finds himself in the place where he must explain what he means by freedom and slavery, disabuse his interlocutors of any sense of privilege that depends on merely physical lineage to Abraham, and reassert his own unique authority."

—D.A. Carson, *Pillar Commentary on the Bible*