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We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

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Old Orchard Church

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Moses answered the people,
"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see
the deliverance the LORD will bring you
today. The Egyptians you see today you will
never see again. The LORD will fight for you;
you need only to be still."

-Exodus 14:13-14-

Celebrating Our Justification in Jesus Christ by Faith Resting

O Christ, you have done for us
What we cannot do for ourselves:
You washed the spot of sin from our hands,
Answered the self-accusation of our hearts,
And satisfied the Holy Wrath that stood against us.

Trusting, O God, I come.

Despairing of my never-finished works,

I rest in the finished work of him

Who lived and died in my place.

Fill me with joy as I worship,
With a sure confidence that by childlike faith,
The perfection of Jesus Christ has become my perfection.
Thanks be to God!



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: from Exodus 14 Epistle Lesson: Romans 3:9-26

Today's Sermon

"The Real Presence"

Isaiah 56:3-8

Dr. William Edgar, Professor of Apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, guest preacher

Being Served and Serving

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

This matter of work is a difficult one in Christianity. It is easy for us to go from one extreme to another, from laziness to outward hurry and hubbub. It is difficult for us to achieve the proper balance between work and rest.

Our text today puts both rest and work in their proper place. If we do not get our rest, we become tired workers. I think that we Christians in this day and age have too little rest. By that I do not mean to say, however, that we work too much. But that our Christianity is strained and labored. We *carry* Christianity as though it were a heavy burden instead of letting it carry us.

Here in the Word for today we are told what *God does*. It is a message of quietude and rest.

To be a Christian means to permit oneself to be cared for by God. Like a little child. What does the child *do?* Oh, not much. The chief thing that it does no doubt is this: It allows itself to be loved by father and mother.

You who are a child of *God*, do not forget that, after all, you are a *child* of God. Let yourself be loved and cared for by your heavenly Father. It is a joy to Him to manifest His love to you. Just as it is a joy to you fathers and mothers to love and care for your little ones.

We are His workmanship, it says. This piece of workmanship is not finished. We are like children, not yet mature.

Do not be discouraged, therefore, when you experience how *immature* you are. How you err. How unwisely you can act. How you can fail.

No, do not be discouraged. Simply heed God when He speaks to you! Let the Spirit of God tell you the truth! Let Him impart forgiveness to you! Let Him explain Christ to you! And, above all, let Him love you!

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