



Questions About Hinduism June 9, 2024

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PRELUDE/ COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL

TO

WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Based on Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10)

Liturgist: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

Congregation: And also, with you.

Liturgist: We each have a right to be here, a right not based on our righteousness but on God's free grace.

Congregation: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose saving love endures forever.

Liturgist: Let those who are redeemed by God declare it, rescued from trouble and gathered from many lands;

Congregation: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, give thanks to God who is always good!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

How Firm a Foundation (v. 1-5)

UMH #529

***AFFIRMATION**

OF

FAITH:

Nicene

Creed

Liturgist

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he

suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 20:4-67 (NKJV)
Liturgist

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord and Creator, You are the Master Designer. We know that you have a plan and a purpose for us. We ask you to take the bits and pieces of our lives and make them into something beautiful. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 NKJV (insert)

Liturgist

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NKJV)

Liturgist

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Softly and Tenderly (v. 1-4)

UMH #348

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous

Cross

Choir

SERMON

Pastor

Title: “Questions about Hinduism”

Theme: Christianity and World Religions

Purpose: To discuss the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Christianity

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world – with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals – but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be set loose. We are not giving as those who are of the world – expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made

known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See screen

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Are We Yet Alive* (v. 1-6)
UMH #553
(Tune of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*)

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION
Pastor

(Based on Ephesians 2:4-7)

Out of great love, God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ. Through Christ, God has shown us the immeasurable riches of grace. Let us go into the world to be open channels of that love and vessels overflowing with that grace...and all of God's people said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of his wife,
Lynda, and in honor of his daughter, Susan, upon her birthday*

*By
Pete Peters*