

# The Lord's Service

April 28, 2019

*\*Standing together is our ordinary practice,  
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

\*Song of Praise and Greeting

*Across the Lands*

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,  
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

(Chorus)

(2002 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

*In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the merciful God in worship.*

## Call to Worship

We must be called into worship by God Himself. He sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ.

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 98.1-3

**LEADER:** Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**LEADER:** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**PEOPLE:** **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**LEADER:** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**PEOPLE:** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

## \*Hymn

No. 165

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

## Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

## \*Invocation

Elder Jason Coffey

# God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

Isaiah 1.16-17

**LEADER:** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

**PEOPLE:** Remove the evil of your deeds from before  
**My eyes; cease to do evil,**

**LEADER:** Learn to do good; seek justice, correct  
oppression;

**PEOPLE:** Bring justice to the fatherless, plead the  
widow's cause.

*Whether seated or kneeling,  
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God,  
we acknowledge and confess before You  
our many sins.**

**We have transgressed Your holy laws;  
we have neglected Your Word;  
we have walked in our own ways  
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.  
We have injured others, hurt our own souls,  
and grieved Your Holy Spirit.**

**Gracious God,  
Who pardons all that repent and believe Your Gospel;  
show Your mercy upon us,  
and for the sake of Your beloved Son,  
our only Mediator, forgive us of our sins.  
Increase in us the grace of repentance,  
that we may not only confess our sins,  
but forsake them with our whole heart,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Call for Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time not only for individual silent confession, but also confession that unites our voices as a body of people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

## Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

## Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 6.1-3

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

\*Hymn

No. 629

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

## Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

## God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder John Wykoff

Psalm 33.1-11 (p. 463)

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ministry in Music

Nicole Lewin

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

\*Doxology No. 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*Prayer of the Church Pastor Jones

\*Hymn No. 316  
*The Mighty God, the Lord*

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 4.1-5 (p. 953)

Sermon Pastor Mullinax  
SERVANTS AND STEWARDS

\*Hymn No. 600  
*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

### **Doxology**

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

### **Prayer of the Church**

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

### **Sermon**

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Confession of Faith**

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)      Belgic Confession, 20

**We believe that God,  
Who is perfectly merciful and just,  
sent His Son to assume that nature  
in which the disobedience was committed,  
to make satisfaction in the same,  
and to bear the punishment of sin  
by His most bitter passion and death.  
God therefore manifested His justice against His Son,  
when He laid our iniquities upon Him,  
and poured forth His mercy and goodness on us,  
who were guilty and worthy of damnation,  
out of mere and perfect love,  
giving His Son unto death for us,  
and raising Him for our justification,  
that through Him we might obtain immortality  
and life eternal.**

\*Gloria Patri      No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.

## **God Commissions Us**

### **Benediction**

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

\*Benediction      Pastor Mullinax

Postlude      Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff