

# The Lord's Service

May 12, 2019

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

Prelude

Melissa Ferrel and Alayne Griffin

\*Song of Praise and Greeting

*There Is a Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

(1982 BirdwingMusic/CherryLaneMusic)

Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

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

## \*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16.8-11

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;  
make known His deeds among the peoples!

PEOPLE: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all  
His wondrous works!**

LEADER: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those  
who seek the Lord rejoice!

PEOPLE: **Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His  
presence continually!**

## \*Hymn

No. 529

*Love Divine, all Loves Excelling*

## \*Invocation

Elder Jay Spalding

# God Cleanses Us

## Call for Confession

Psalms 131.1-3

LEADER: O Lord, my heart is not lifted; my eyes are not  
raised too high;

PEOPLE: **I do not occupy myself with things too  
great and too marvelous for me.**

LEADER: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a  
weaned child with its mother, like a weaned  
child is my soul within me.

PEOPLE: **O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time  
forth and forevermore.**

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)**

**Most Holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to You that we have sinned against You  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart  
and mind and strength;  
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved You  
by wasting Your gifts,  
by wandering from Your ways, by forgetting  
Your love.  
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,  
and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength  
of Your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior.  
Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Lamentations 3.22-25**

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end, they are  
new every morning, great is Your faithfulness.  
‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,  
‘therefore I will hope in Him.’ The Lord is  
good to those who wait for Him, to the soul  
who seeks Him.”  
The peace of the Lord be with you!  
**PEOPLE:** **And also with you!**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder Mike Walker

Isaiah 65.17-25 (p. 624)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

arr. Forrest

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

(2005 Beckenhorst Press)

### Scripture Lesson

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

### 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.

### 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.

### \*Doxology

No. 732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Thomas Ken, 1709

TALLIS' CANON L.M.  
Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567

### 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.

### \*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

### \*Hymn

No. 676

*Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

### Scripture Lesson

Romans 8.18-30 (p. 944)

### Sermon

Pastor Jones

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### Sermon

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

\*Hymn

No. 75

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

**God - the great Creator of all things - upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all things, from the greatest even to the least. He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to His infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

\*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

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Alayne Griffin and Melissa Ferrel

### 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.

### 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.