

The Lord's Service

May 19, 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 *Now Unto the King Eternal*

Now unto the King eternal, unto the King immortal,
Unto the King invisible, the only wise God, the only wise God.

(repeat)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor, unto the King forever.
Unto the King be glory and honor forever and ever!

Amen. Amen.
(1993 Far Lane Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the eternal 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 Revelation 4.11

LEADER: Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive
glory and honor and power,

PEOPLE: **For You created all things, and by Your will
they existed and were created.**

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.

*Hymn No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Invocation Elder Jay Spalding

God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

Ephesians 4.1-3

LEADER: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

PEOPLE: **With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

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

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful Father;
we acknowledge and confess before You
our many sins.**

**We have transgressed Your holy laws;
we have neglected Your Word and ordinances;
we have walked in our own ways
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.**

**By our neglect and selfishness we have
injured others, hurt our own souls and
grieved Your Holy Spirit.**

**Most gracious God, who pardons and forgives
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 our offenses.**

**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
holiness and 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

Hebrews 4.14-16

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

No. 310

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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 Mike Walker

Isaiah 50.4-10 (p. 611)

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Rosemary Joy Mantel

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Let Everything That Hath Breath

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Declare His glory among the nations.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together.
Hallelujah, bless His name, for He's worthy to be praised.
Clap your hands, all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph!
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Praise Him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance,
Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.
Sing "hallelujah," praise His holy name.
For the Lord is worthy to be praised!

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

(Jeffrey Ames 1998 Earthsongs)

*Doxology

No. 731

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

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Bennett

*Hymn

No. 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8.31-37 (p. 944)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

CONFIDENCE

*Hymn

No. 703

Loved with Everlasting Love

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)**

Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus?

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself - which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God - has fully satisfied the justice of His Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance of the kingdom of heaven for all those the Father has given Him.

***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 Jones

Postlude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff