

The Lord's Service

June 23, 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

Creation Sings

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of day
Till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. (Chorus)

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky,
All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: the glories of our God and King!

(Chorus)

(2009 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Choral Call to Worship

Psalm 95.1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

*Hymn

No. 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Invocation

Elder Mike Walker

God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

Isaiah 55.1-3

LEADER: “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

PEOPLE: **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

LEADER: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

PEOPLE: **Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

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.

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

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before You, against Whom we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are truly sorry for all our sins.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live. Wash us in the pure fountain of Jesus' blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Inscribe Your law upon the tablets of our hearts. And give us the desire and strength to walk in Your ways. Amen.

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

Isaiah 1.18

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

***Hymn**

No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Tony DeMarco

Hebrews 3.12-19 (p. 1002)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ministry in Music

Jeremy Gaines

Forevermore

*Doxology

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 Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 13

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 95 (p. 499)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

LISTEN

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. This lesson, or reading, helps prepare us for the Scripture lesson that will be preached from later.

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.

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

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.

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I find a place to stand; and won - der at such
 2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - 'ly is my own. Once stran - gers chas - ing
 3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown, we fol - low in His

mer - cy that calls me as I am. For hands that should dis - card me, hold
 sel - fish dreams, now one, through grace a - lone. How could I now dis - hon - or the
 foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be - fore us to -

wounds which tell me, "come." Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.
 ones that You have loved. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
 be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

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)

2 Timothy 2.11b-13

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**If we have died with him,
we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.**

*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 Evangeline Wykoff

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.