The Lord's Service July 7, 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

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

(1982 Meadowgreen Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 148.1-5

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the

heavens; praise him in the heights!

PEOPLE: Praise him, all his angels; praise him,

all his hosts!

LEADER: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him,

all you shining stars!

PEOPLE: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you

waters above the heavens!

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: For he commanded and they were created.

*Hymn No. 660

O God beyond All Praising

*Invocation

Elder Jim Hildebrand

God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

Psalm 145.20

LEADER: The Lord preserves all who love him, **PEOPLE: But all the wicked he will destroy.**

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

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who pardons all who repent and turn to You; We humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy.

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.

We have not loved You with a pure heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, forgive our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with Your free Spirit.
through Christ our Lord, we pray. 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

Psalm 145.14-19

LEADER: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn No. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Todd Smith

Revelation 15.1-4 (p. 1036)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ministry in Music

Evangeline Wykoff

The Peace May Be Exchanged
(Dan Locklaire)

*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 Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 17

Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 145 (p. 524)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

PRAISE HIM, TOGETHER

Hymn

No. 359

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but 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.

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.

† "catholic" -- universal

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 735

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 Communes with Us

*The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord. LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord. PEOPLE: It is good and right so to do.

LEADER: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing...

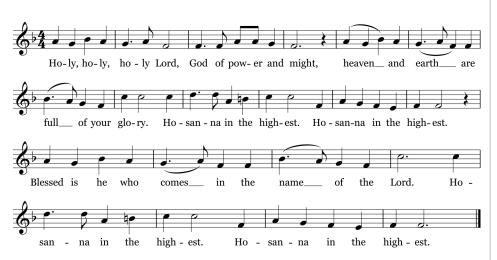
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with

all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, ever more

praising and singing...

Song of Ascent

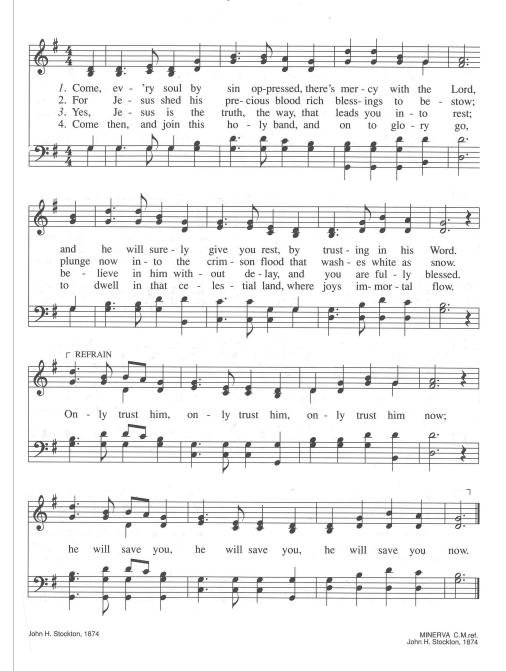
Sanctus



Instruction and Prayer

The Institution

Only Trust Him



Amazing Grace! (vs. 1-3, 6)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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.