

The Lord's Service

August 11, 2019

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

Prelude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff

*Song of Praise and Greeting

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

(1989 Word Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet 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. 116

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Invocation

Elder Jon Harris

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 18.25-27

LEADER: With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

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

Call to Worship

We **are** 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 to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of **His glory**. 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)

**Almighty and most merciful Father;
we have erred and strayed from Your ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against Your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent;
according to Your promises**

declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life;
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 130.3-4

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

**"If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O
Lord, who could stand? But with you there is
forgiveness, that you may be feared."**

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Arise, My Soul, Arise

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Danny Grant

Romans 8.31-39 (p. 944)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Shaw

With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name;
Make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia!
Alleluia! Declare ye this and let it be heard. Alleluia!

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*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. 79

My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?

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.

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.

Scripture Lesson

Sermon

OUR HELP

*Hymn

O Father, You Are Sovereign

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Belgic Confession, 17

**We believe that our most gracious God,
in His admirable wisdom and goodness,
seeing that man had thus thrown himself
into temporal and eternal death
and made himself wholly miserable,
was pleased to seek and comfort him,
when he trembling fled from His presence,
promising Him that He would give His Son,
Who should be made of a woman,
to bruise the head of the serpent,
and would make him happy.**

*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

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

Psalm 44 (p. 470)

Pastor Jones

No. 75