

The Lord's Service

September 8, 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 *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light,
My strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.

This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(2002 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29.10-13

LEADER: Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.”

PEOPLE: **Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

LEADER: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

PEOPLE: **Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.**

LEADER: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

PEOPLE: **And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.**

*Hymn

No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation

Elder Jason Brown

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5.6-11

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before me.**

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.

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

PEOPLE: **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

*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)

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy
to all those who call upon You;
hear us as we come to You
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess before You our disobedience and
ingratitude, our pride and willfulness;
and our failures and shortcomings
Toward you and toward our fellow men.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;
and of your great goodness grant that we may,
hereafter, serve and please you in newness of life;
Through the merit and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 2.8-11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

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 Nick Lazor

Isaiah 10.20-27 (p. 575)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Jason and Catherine Coffey Present Judah Zachary for Baptism

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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.

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.

Choral Worship

Let This Mind Be in You

Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ,

Who, being in the form of God,
Thought it not robbery to be equal with God.
But made Himself of no reputation,
And took upon Him the form of a servant,
And was made in human likeness:

And being found in human fashion,
He humbled Himself, humbled Himself,
Became obedient unto death,
Even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God has raised Him up,
And given Him a name above all names:
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
Whether in heaven or earth or under the earth;
That every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ.

(Courtney, 1992 Beckenhorst Press)

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.

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.

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.

*Doxology

No. 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. 369

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Scripture Lesson

Romans 9.19-29 (p. 945)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

WRATH AND MERCY

*Hymn

No. 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.2

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

God has all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of Himself. He alone is all-sufficient. He alone is the foundation of all being, of Whom, and to Whom are all things. He has absolute sovereignty over all things. His knowledge is infinite, His counsels holy, His works perfect, and His commands right. To Him is due from angels and men, and every creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

*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 Commissions Us

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

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.