

# The Lord's Service

## September 22, 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 *You Have Been Good*

O Lord, You have been good,  
You have been faithful to all generations;  
O Lord, Your steadfast love  
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed;  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.

O Lord, Almighty God, Father unchanging, upright and holy;

O Lord, You have been good,  
You have been faithful. You have been good.  
You have been faithful. You have been good.

(1988 Ariose Music)

Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

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

## \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 12.2-6

LEADER: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

LEADER: And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.**

LEADER: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

PEOPLE: **For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

## \*Hymn

No. 53

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## \*Invocation

Elder Dee Hobbs

# God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

Psalms 24.3-4

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

PEOPLE: **And who shall stand in his holy place?**

LEADER: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

PEOPLE: **Who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

## 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.

*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)**

**Merciful God,  
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.  
We have not loved You with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with You, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.  
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from Your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation  
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. 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**

**John 1.16-17**

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“For from his fullness we have all received,  
grace upon grace. For the law was given  
through Moses; grace and truth came through  
Jesus Christ.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Nick Lazor

Isaiah 28.14-18 (p. 588)

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

*O God Beyond All Praising*

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
 And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
 For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
 We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,  
 We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
 For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
 And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
 That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King,  
 And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
 We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
 To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
 And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Our sacrifice of praise.  
 (Forrest, 2010 Hinshaw Music, Inc.)

\*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.

### 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.

**\*Prayer of the Church**

Pastor Mullinax

**\*Hymn**

No. 518

*Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 9.30-10.4 (p. 946)

**Sermon**

Pastor Jones

**CHRIST ALONE**

**\*Hymn**

*My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
2. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau-ty hur-ry by.  
3. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: My worth and my un-worth-i-ness.

But in the cost-ly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name;  
But life e-ter-nal calls to us at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might,  
My va-lue fixed-my ran-som paid at the cross. 3rd TIME TO CHORUS

in win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.  
or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing light. But I will boast in know-ing Christ at the cross.

16 CHORUS

I re-joyce in my Re-deem-er-great-est trea-sure, Well-spring of my soul.

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I will trust in Him, no oth-er; my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 11.3

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Christ?

**Christ, by His obedience and death, fully discharged the debt of all those who are justified. He made full satisfaction to His Father's justice on their behalf. Yet, because He was freely given by the Father for them, and because His obedience and satisfaction were freely accepted in their stead, and not for anything in them, the justification of sinners is only of free grace.**

\*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.