

The Lord's Service

January 12, 2020

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

Prelude

Evangeline Wykoff

*Song of Praise and Greeting

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.

Oh the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul.

His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, Who loved and knew me long before the world began.

Sent my Saviour down from heaven; perfect God and perfect Man.

God of grace I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.

Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure.

All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.

God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see Your face,

And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

(2003 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100.1-5

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

LEADER: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

LEADER: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn

No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Invocation

Elder Jason Coffey

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Romans 12.1-2

LEADER: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

PEOPLE: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

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)

**Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Micah 7.18-19

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the
remnant of his inheritance? He does not
retain his anger forever, because he delights
in steadfast love. He will again have
compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities
underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the
depths of the sea.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

No. 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Mike Walker

Leviticus 1.1-3 (p. 81)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

I Will Be a Child of Peace

O Holy Father I will be
A child of peace and purity;
For well I know Thy hand will bless
The seeker after righteousness.
(Hagenberg, 2013 Beckenhorst Press Inc.)

*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. 585

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12.1-2 (p. 947)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

THE APPEAL

*Hymn

No. 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

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.

*Confession of Faith (in unison) Belgic Confession, 24

**We believe that this true faith
being wrought in man
by the hearing of the Word of God,
and the operation of the Holy Spirit,
does regenerate and make him a new man,
causing him to live a new life,
and freeing him from the bondage of sin.
...It is impossible that this holy faith
can be unfruitful in man,
for we do not speak of a vain faith,
but of such a faith that is called in Scripture,
a faith that works by love,
which excites man to the practice of those works
which God has commended in His Word.**

*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

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.

*Benediction Pastor Jones

Postlude Evangeline Wykoff