

# The Lord's Service

December 8, 2019

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

Prelude

CPC Instrumental Ensemble

*Joy to the World*

\*Song of Praise and Greeting

*There Is a Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

(1982 BirdwingMusic/CherryLaneMusic)

Welcome and Announcements

## God Calls Us

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Nathan Cook Family

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 149.1-4

### 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.

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**PEOPLE:** Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the  
children of Zion rejoice in their King!

LEADER: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.**

\*Hymn

No. 194

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*Invocation

Elder John Wykoff

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 9.10

LEADER: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

PEOPLE: **And the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

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

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to You that we have sinned against You  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart  
and mind and strength;  
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.**

**You alone know how often we have grieved You  
by wasting Your gifts,  
by wandering from Your ways,  
by forgetting Your love.**

**Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,  
and free us from our sin.**

**Renew in us the grace and strength**

### 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.

of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior. 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.

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Psalm 33.20-22

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
"Our soul waits for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

### \*Hymn

No. 195

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

Elder Ken Henry

Ezekiel 3.22-27 (p. 693)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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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

*Beautiful Savior*

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

(Melius Christiansen, 1955 Augsburg Publishing House)

\*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. 193

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Scripture Lesson Luke 1.39-56 (p. 856)

Sermon Pastor Jones

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\*Hymn No. 162

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

\*Confession of Faith (in unison) The Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe of God?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance  
with the Father;  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;

### **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.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic<sup>†</sup> and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*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

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 and Alayne Griffin