

The Lord's Service

July 21, 2019

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

Prelude

Alayne Griffin

*Song of Praise and Greeting

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death, and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

(1995 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 136.1-3

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

PEOPLE: For His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods,

PEOPLE: For His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

PEOPLE: For His steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn

No. 81

O Love of God, How Strong and True

*Invocation

Elder Jim Hildebrand

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5.6, 16-21

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

PEOPLE: Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

LEADER: You shall not murder.

PEOPLE: And you shall not commit adultery.

LEADER: And you shall not steal.

PEOPLE: And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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: And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

*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

Ephesians 2.4-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

No. 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Nick Lazor

Romans 8.28-34 (p. 944)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ministry in Music

Melissa Ferrel

*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

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

No. 33

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 136 (p. 520)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

HIS LOVE

*Hymn

No. 125

Let All Things Now Living

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.

*Confession of Faith (in unison) 1 Corinthians 8.6

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

... yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

*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 Alayne Griffin