## The Lord's Service

January 19, 2020

\*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

Psalm 7.17

LEADER: I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his

righteousness,

PEOPLE: And I will sing praise to the name of the

Lord, the Most High.

\*Hymn No. 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

\*Invocation

Elder Jason Coffey

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Luke 6.27-28, 31, 35-36

LEADER: But I say to you who hear, Love your

enemies, do good to those who hate you,

PEOPLE: Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

LEADER: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

PEOPLE: But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great,

LEADER: And you will be sons of the Most High, for he

is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

PEOPLE: Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

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

## 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.

## 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.

### **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.

## Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in
thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. Amen.

### 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. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Mike Walker

Joshua 24.14-24 (p. 198)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Secure

A storm is raging, Lord.
The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail.
The wind is blowing, Lord.
I cannot hold the course against the gale.
The lightning strikes on ev'ry side,
Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.
Your hand alone can hold the tide,

I am sinking, Lord.
The boat is taking water, going down.
Part the waters, Lord.
I long to plant my feet on solid ground.
Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea,
Your hand is reaching out to me,
I know that You have heard my plea,
My hope is sure.
Lord, rescue me.
(1990 Bridge Building/Organon Key Music)

\*Doxology

No. 122 v. 4

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee; We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity. Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will; with our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

\*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

### 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.

\*Hymn No. 597

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12.3-8 (p. 948)

Sermon Pastor Jones

### NOT MORE HIGHLY

\*Hymn

My Worth Is Not in What I Own



- 1.My worth is not in what I own; 2.As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die;
- 3. Two won-ders here that I con-fess:

not in the strength of flesh and bone. fame, youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by.

My worth and my un-worth - i - ness.



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



in win or lose, in pride orshame. 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.





### \*Confession of Faith

### Heidelberg Catechism 26

LEADER: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in

God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and

earth?"

PEOPLE: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who out of nothing created the heavens and the earth and everything in them, Who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so that I do not doubt that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this world. He is able to do this because He is Almighty God: He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

\*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 Iesus.

### 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.