

The Lord's Service

February 9, 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

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)
With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

(Chorus)

(2002 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105.1-3

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

PEOPLE: **Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

LEADER: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

PEOPLE: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

*Hymn

No. 447

Christ for the World We Sing

*Invocation

Elder Woody Brauer

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 135.15-18

LEADER: The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

PEOPLE: **They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see;**

LEADER: They have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths.

PEOPLE: **Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.**

*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.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful Father;
we acknowledge and confess before You
our many sins.
We have transgressed Your holy laws;
we have neglected Your Word and ordinances;
we have walked in our own ways
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.
By our neglect and selfishness we have injured
others, hurt our own souls and
grieved Your Holy Spirit.**

**Most gracious God,
who pardons and forgives all that repent
and believe Your Gospel;
show Your mercy upon us,
and for the sake of Your beloved Son,
our only Mediator, forgive us our offenses.
Increase in us the grace of repentance,
that we may not only confess our sins,
but forsake them with our whole heart,
and bring forth the fruits of holiness and
righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 2.13

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Dee Hobbs

Ephesians 2.11-17 (p. 976)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King!
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*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 Jones

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.

*Hymn

We Come, O Christ, to You

No. 181

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 19.10-18 (p. 301)

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Vaughn

WHEN THINGS FALL APART

*Hymn

Lift High the Cross

No. 263

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Belgic Confession, 37

**We believe, according to the Word of God,
when the time appointed by the Lord
(which is unknown to all creatures) is come,
and the number of the elect complete,
that our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven,
corporally and visibly,
as He ascended, with great glory and majesty
to declare Himself judge
of the quick and the dead.
And for a gracious reward,
the Lord will cause them to possess
such a glory as never entered
into the heart of man to conceive.
Therefore we expect that great day
with a most ardent desire to the end,
that we may fully enjoy the promises
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.
“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”**

*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

Rev. Jeff Vaughn

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.

Postlude

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