

The Lord's Service

February 16, 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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For eve'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(2002 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47.1-7

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

LEADER: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

PEOPLE: **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

LEADER: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

*Hymn

No. 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Invocation

Elder Woody Brauer

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

John 13.34-35

LEADER: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

PEOPLE: **By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

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)

**Merciful God,
we humble ourselves in Your presence,
confessing our sinfulness in Your sight.
We have broken Your holy law.
We have not sought first Your kingdom and
righteousness.
We have been anxious and troubled
about many things, and have neglected
the things that belong to our peace.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,
or done to others as we would have them do unto us.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father,
Who has given us Your Son, Jesus Christ,
to save Your people from their sins;
forgive us, we pray,
cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
and renew a right spirit within us;
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and 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.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1.18

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Come now, let us reason together, says the
Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they
shall be as white as snow; though they are red
like crimson, they shall become like wool.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!
PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Todd Gaither

Proverbs 8.12-21 (p. 532)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

New Members Recognition

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

True Light

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created - True Light.
He lives in us as True Light.

Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light.

Hold on to the True Light. I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light.

Everywhere I go I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light.
(Hampton, 2002 Earthsongs Music)

*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!

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.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 316

The Mighty God, the Lord

Scripture Lesson

Romans 13.1-7 (p. 948)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

ALL AUTHORITY

*Hymn

No. 688

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.2

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

God has all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of Himself. He alone is all-sufficient. He alone is the foundation of all being, of Whom, and to Whom are all things. He has absolute sovereignty over all things. His knowledge is infinite, His counsels holy, His works perfect, and His commands right. To Him is due from angels and men, and every creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

*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

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

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.