

The Lord's Service

February 23, 2020

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

Prelude

Instrumental Ensemble

*Song of Praise and Greeting

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 98.1-6

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

PEOPLE: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

*Hymn

No. 2

O Worship the King

*Invocation

Elder Woody Brauer

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.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Matthew 6.19-21

LEADER: Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

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.

PEOPLE: But lay up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust
destroys and where thieves do not break in
and steal.

LEADER: For where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.

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

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Almighty and most merciful Father;
we have erred and strayed from Your ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against Your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent;
according to Your promises**

declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life;**

to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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. 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Todd Gaither

Leviticus 19.9-18 (p. 97)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

(Forrest, 2005 Beckenhurst Press)

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.

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.

***Doxology**

No. 53 v. 5

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
gladly fore'er we adore Him.

***Prayer of the Church**

Pastor Mullinax

***Hymn**

No. 335

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Scripture Lesson

Romans 13.8-14(p. 948)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

HOLINESS AND LOVE

***Hymn**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me,
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one, through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.
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*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about God?

God - the great Creator of all things - upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all things, from the greatest even to the least. He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to His infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

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.

*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.