

The Lord's Service

March 15, 2020

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

Prelude

Evangeline Wykoff

Nun Bitten Wir - Dietrich Buxtehude

Alayna Bowers

*Song of Praise and Greeting *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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(1997 Vikki Cook and Charitie L. Bancroft Worship)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145.10-13

LEADER: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

PEOPLE: **To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

LEADER: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

PEOPLE: **The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.**

*Hymn

No. 116

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Invocation

Elder Danny Grant

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Daniel 9.4-6

LEADER: I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

PEOPLE: **We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.**

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.

LEADER: We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

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

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.**

Choral Meditation

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me, uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

(Mueller 1941 G. Schirmer, Inc.)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1, 6

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder John Wykoff

Isaiah 11.1-10 (p. 575)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to become a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood till I am just a lamb of God.

(1985 StraightWay Music)

*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

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.

*Hymn

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed and did my Sov' reign
2. Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned up - on the
3. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap -



die. Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for
tree? A - maz - ing pi - ty, grace un - known! and
pears; Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness and



such a worm as I! Thy bod - y slain, sweet
love be - yond de - gree. Well might the sun in
melt my heart in tears. But drops of grief can



Je - sus thine, and bathed in its own blood, while
dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ry in, when
ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe; here,



all ex - posed to wrath di - vine the
Christ, the might - ty Mak - er died for
Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis



glo - rious Suf - frer stood?
man the crea - tures sin. A - men.
all that I can do.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 15.1-13(p. 949)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

SCRIPTURE'S ONE STORY

*Hymn

No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 53

LEADER: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: **First, He, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.**

*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

Solid Rock - Don Hustad

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.