

The Lord's Service

March 22, 2020

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

Prelude

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*Song of Praise and Greeting *My Worth Is Not in What I Own*



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
2. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by.
3. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: My worth and my un-worth-i - ness.



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



in win or lose, in pride or shame. 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.



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er-great-est trea-sure, Well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis-fied in Him a - lone.

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!

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.

*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

*Invocation

Psalm 25.1-5

O LORD, to you, we lift our hearts; to you, we offer our praise and prayer; even our very lives. Be pleased to make known to us your will and your ways. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For you, alone, O God, are the One who saves, the One in whom we trust, the One upon whom we wait. We worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God; blessed be your glorious name for ever. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Matthew 10.32-33

LEADER: So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

PEOPLE: **But whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.**

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

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.**

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.

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.

*Choral Meditation *I Have Longed For Thy Saving Health*

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;
Thy law is my delight, O Lord.
O, let my soul live,
And it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgements shall help me.
(William Byrd, Public Domain)

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11.28-30

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder John Wykoff

Isaiah 52.7-15 (p. 613)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

A Hymn to God the Father

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun

A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.

(1990 Beckenhorst Press, Poem by John Donne)

*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

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over
great and small
For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty
For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness
For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus
For God's faithful and abundant provision
(materially, spiritually)
For our church, family, friends, counselors,
community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to
the nations
For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in
authority, healthcare workers
For containment and reversal of COVID-19
For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ
in plenty and want
For specific requests for others, ourselves
For God's glory alone in all matters

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

O Church, Arise

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 15.14-21 (p. 949)

Sermon

Pastor John Jones


THE MESSAGE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

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



Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken





1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,




he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—
thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.



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

*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

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff