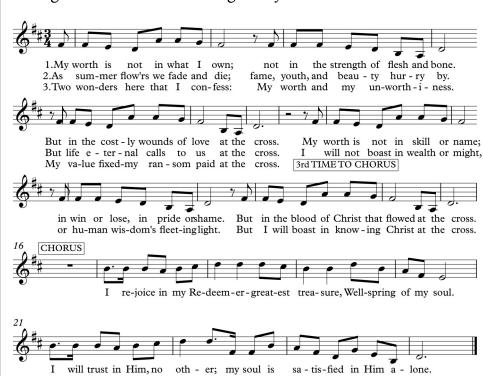
The Lord's Service March 22, 2020

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

Prelude

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

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



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

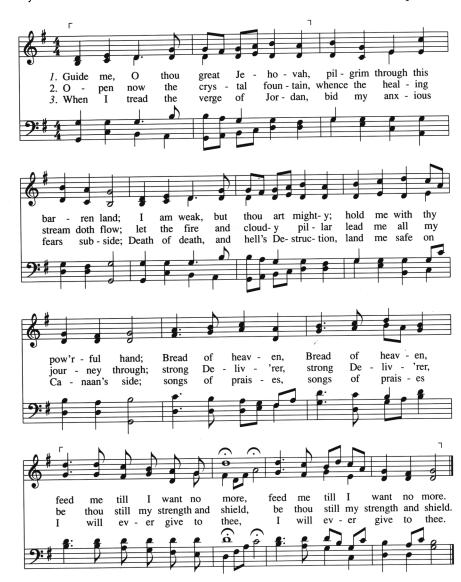
with a psalm!

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



*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 Spirt, 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.

*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

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

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!

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.

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

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

No. 731

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.



THE MESSAGE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

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.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 15.14-21 (p. 949)

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

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Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken *Hymn 1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e -2. See, ta - tion hov -'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear 3. Round each hab - i -Zi - on's cit - y 4. Sav - ior, if of I, through grace, a bro- ken formed thee for he whose word can - not be well sup - ply thy sons and daugh-ters, and all fear a glo - ry cov- 'ring, show- ing that the and for a the world de -I will glo-ry ride pit - y, the Rock of A - ges found-ed, who can faint, while such a riv - er thus de - riv - ing from their ban- ner fad - ing is the world-ling's plea- sure, all

what can shake thy sure re- pose? ev - er flows their thirst t'as-suage?light by night and shade by day, his boast - ed pomp and show;

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re- move:

thy name:

is near:





With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round- ed, thou may'st smile at nev - er fails from age to age. grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, safe they feed up - on the man - na sol - id joys and last - ing trea- sure which he gives them when they pray. 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.

*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?"

Father.

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

*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

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