

The Lord's Service

October 13, 2019

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

Prelude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff

*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.

(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.

Meditation

CPC Instrumental Ensemble

Amazing Grace

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105.1-3

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

PEOPLE: **Make known his deeds among the peoples!**

LEADER: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

PEOPLE: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

*Hymn

No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Invocation

Elder Mark Wilson

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 30.1

LEADER: “Ah, stubborn children,” declares the Lord,
“who carry out a plan, but not mine,

PEOPLE: **And who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin;”**

*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.**

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.

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

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

1 Corinthians 6.9-11

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

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

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.
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)

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Tracy Wright

1 Samuel 12.19-25 (p. 234)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

This Is My Father's World

Rebecca James, Violin

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, the battle is not done,
Jesus who died will be satisfied, and heaven and earth be one.

(2016 Hinshaw Music)

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.

***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!

***Prayer of the Church**

Pastor Bennett

***Hymn**

No. 508

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Scripture Lesson

Romans 11.1-10 (p. 946)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

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***Hymn**

No. 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

***Confession of Faith (in unison)**

Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.5

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus?

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself - which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God - has fully satisfied the justice of His Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance of the kingdom of heaven for all those the Father has given Him.

*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.