

The Lord's Service

October 20, 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 *Now Unto the King Eternal*

Now unto the King eternal, unto the King immortal,
Unto the King invisible, the only wise God, the only wise God.
(repeat)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor, unto the King forever.
Unto the King be glory and honor forever and ever!

Amen. Amen.
(1993 Far Lane Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: **Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel -

PEOPLE: **He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

*Hymn

No. 119

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*Invocation

Elder Woody Brauer

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 68.19-21

LEADER: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

PEOPLE: **Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

LEADER: But God will strike the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways.

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

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who pardons all who repent and turn to You;
we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart;
neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,
nor walked humbly with You, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to Your loving-kindness;
according to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
forgive our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence;
and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold us with Your free Spirit.
through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 6.1-3

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Arise, My Soul, Arise

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Tracy Wright

Deuteronomy 32.17-21 (p. 174)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.
(Parker, 1976 Lawson-Gould Music Publishers Inc.)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)
Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

*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.

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.

*Hymn

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

No. 455

Scripture Lesson

Romans 11.11-15 (p. 947)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

THERE'S A PURPOSE?

*Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

No. 172

*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.

*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