

The Lord's Service

November 24, 2019

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

Prelude

CPC Instrumental Ensemble

Give Thanks

*Song of Praise and Greeting

My Heart Is Filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.

Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take.

Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.

For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.

So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

(2003 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

Choral Call

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are over us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.
His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!
(Davis, Public Domain)

*Call to Worship

Psalm 136.1-3

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**
LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods,
PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**
LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let They congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*Invocation

Elder Adam Sanders

**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.

God Cleanses Us

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.

Call to Confession

Luke 6.27-28, 31, 35-36

LEADER: But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

PEOPLE: **Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.**

LEADER: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

PEOPLE: **But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great,**

LEADER: And you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

PEOPLE: **Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.**

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

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.

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.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from Your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 138.1-3

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

“I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn

No. 98

Now Thank We All Our God

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Jim Hildebrand

Genesis 1.26-31 (p. 1)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Pilgrims' Hymn

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God.

When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer.

Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,

And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You.

Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen.

(Paulus, 1997 Paulus Publications)

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.

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. 98 v. 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven -
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 78

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3.12-17 (p. 984)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

THANKS

*Hymn

No. 715

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Heidelberg Catechism 27, 28

LEADER: What do you understand by the providence of God?

PEOPLE: **Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from His fatherly hand.**

LEADER: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

PEOPLE: **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in**

our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

*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 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.