

Celebration of Worship

January 19, 2025

Prelude

The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from 1 Chronicles 29

Pastor: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

All: ***Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and
the glory and the majesty and the splendor.***

Pastor: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours,
O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over
all.

All: ***Wealth and honor come from you; you are the
ruler of all things.***

Pastor: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and
give strength to all.

All: *Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.*

***Invocation and Adoration**

The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.

***Worship in Song**

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Public Confession of Sin

All: O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ~2 Co. 5.21

Corporate Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

* Indicates please stand if able.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Some versions of the Creed omit this phrase; it was inserted to affirm the reality of Christ's physical death;

**or universal; this phrase simply refers to the fact that the Church is made up of believers of all times in all nations.

PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Testimony of God's Work

Prayers of God's People

(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)

ADORING GOD'S GLORY

Public Reading of Scripture

Judges 5:1-11

(Lectio Continua – the practice of reading Scripture in sequence)

Scripture Context:

Deborah and Barak give praise to God in song for the deliverance from their enemy

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day: ² "That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that the people offered themselves willingly, bless the LORD! ³ "Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; to the LORD I will sing; I will make melody to the LORD, the God of Israel. ⁴ "LORD, when you went out from Seir, when you marched from the region of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped, yes, the clouds dropped water. ⁵ The mountains quaked before the LORD, even Sinai before the LORD, the God of Israel. ⁶ "In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned, and travelers kept to the byways. ⁷ The villagers ceased in Israel; they ceased to be until I arose; I, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel. ⁸ When new gods were chosen, then war was in the gates. Was shield or spear to be seen among forty thousand in Israel? ⁹ My heart goes out to the

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commanders of Israel who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the LORD. ¹⁰ "Tell of it, you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets and you who walk by the way. ¹¹ To the sound of musicians at the watering places, there they repeat the righteous triumphs of the LORD, the righteous triumphs of his villagers in Israel. "Then down to the gates marched the people of the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: *Thanks be to God.*

The Giving of First Fruits

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

***Worship in Song**

God Is For Us

Verse 1

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley with You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge only You can save

Chorus

***Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us***

Verse 2

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Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Chorus

Bridge
Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love

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We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Chorus

***We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more***

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Verse 3
Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus (2x)

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: James 5:7-12

Preaching of the Word

Patiently Endure

***Closing Hymn** 705

I Know Whom I Have Believed

***Benediction**

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

Postlude

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Memory Verse of the Week:

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

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