

Celebration of Worship

October 13, 2024

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

Almighty God, who has made all mankind in Your image; cause those whom You have redeemed from their fallen estate to worship You for Your wonderful works and to fear You in Your judgments, and make us so to live out our days upholding justice, righteousness and truth; to the honor and glory of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

All: *Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge his glory.*

Pastor: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

All: *Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

*Invocation and Adoration

*Worship in Song

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* Indicates stand if able

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

(Psalm 148:1-13)

Public Confession of Sin

Leader: Hear us, O Lord, as we confess our sin.

People: *Holy Father, whose eyes cannot look upon iniquity, and who cannot tolerate wrong, but who also loves us and sent Your Son to save us from our sins, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have not done. Forgive us, and grant to us the heartfelt knowledge that You have cleansed us of all our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.... whom I shall see for myself.... ~ Job 19:25, 27

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.

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 1:22-28

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

Scripture Context:

Israel continues with their attempted conquest of the land, but things begin to take a bad direction.

The house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them. ²³ And the house of Joseph scouted out Bethel. (Now the name of the city was formerly Luz.) ²⁴ And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the way into the city, and we will deal kindly with you." ²⁵ And he showed them the way into the city. And they struck the city with the edge of the sword, but they let the man and all his family go. ²⁶ And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city and called its name Luz. That is its name to this day. ²⁷ Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages, for the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. ²⁸ When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not drive them out completely.

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

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

Jesus Shall Reign

VERSE 1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

VERSE 2

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

CHORUS

***To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful -He shall reign.
Jesus shall reign***

VERSE 3

Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are found no more:
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost

VERSE 4

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early praises to His Name.

CHORUS

***To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful - He shall reign.
Jesus shall reign***

VERSE 5

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

CHORUS

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home

And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

The Taming of the Tongue

*** Closing Hymn** 642

Be Thou My Vision

***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

Memory Verse of the Week:

Psalm 84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.