



# Celebration of Worship

October 20, 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 Father, who has given your only Son to be to us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; that dying to sin, and living to righteousness, we may at last obtain eternal life: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

### from Psalm 108

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

**All: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Pastor: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithful-ness reaches to the clouds.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!**

Pastor: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

## **\*Invocation and Adoration**

### **\*Worship in Song**

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*God the Lord is King  
(from Psalm 99)*

## **Public Confession of Sin**

All: O Lord, you are our Father, and we are but earth and mire;  
You are our Creator, and we are the work of your hands; You  
are our Shepherd, and we are your flock; You are our  
Redeemer, and we are the people you have bought back;  
You are our God, and we are your inheritance.

Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your wrath.  
Do not recall our sin, to punish it, But chastise us gently in  
your kindness. Be mindful that your name is upon us, That  
we bear your mark and badge. Undertake the work you have  
already begun in us by your grace, That the whole earth may  
recognize that you are our God and Savior. In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do  
not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ~ Galatians 5:1*

### **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

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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

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## **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)*

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## **ADORING GOD'S GLORY**

### **Public Reading of Scripture**

### **Judges 1:29-36**

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

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#### *Scripture Context:*

*This chapter concludes showing the failure of Israel to conquer the land fully. Even though all the tribes were not fully successful in their conquest, the tribe of Judah seems to be singled out. Here we have a small ray of light pointing us to the True Deliverer who will come from the tribe of Judah.*

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And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.<sup>30</sup> Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol, so the Canaanites lived among them, but became subject to forced labor.<sup>31</sup> Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon or of Ahlab or of Achzib or of Helbah or of Aphik or of Rehob,<sup>32</sup> so the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, for they did not drive them out.<sup>33</sup>

Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-anath, so they lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to forced labor for them.<sup>34</sup> The Amorites pressed the people of Dan back into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the plain.<sup>35</sup> The Amorites persisted in dwelling in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph rested heavily on them, and they became subject to forced labor.<sup>36</sup> And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

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;<sup>10</sup> 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**

#### ***May The Peoples Praise You***

##### Verse 1

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

##### Verse 2

May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

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**Chorus**

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

Verse 3

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known

Verse 4

May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word

**Chorus**

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

Verse 5

This our holy priv'lege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaims

**Chorus**

***May the peoples praise You***

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***Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus***

*Bridge*

*Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name*

***Chorus***

***May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus  
(repeat)***

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***My Worth Is Not In What I Own***

Verse 1

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

Verse 2

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

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***Chorus***  
***I rejoice in my Redeemer***  
***Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul***  
***I will trust in Him no other***  
***My soul is satisfied in Him alone***

Verse 3  
As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

Verse 4  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

(CHORUS)

Verse 5  
Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

(CHORUS)

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## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:**

**James 3:13-18**

**Preaching of the Word**

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**\* Closing Hymn**

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*It is Well with My Soul*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Memory Verse of the Week:

**Ephesians 6:10-11** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.