

Celebration of Worship

January 12, 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 and place it in the Offering plate to let us know of your visit.

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Lord of all power and might, who is the Author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ from the Book of Common Prayer

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Pastor: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

People: *Sing out the honor of His Name; Make His praise glorious.*

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

People: *"All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your 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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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

(You may be seated)

Public Confession of Sin

All: *Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins; and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our works; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and our willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and praise You in newness of life through the finished work of our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. ~ 1 Peter 2:24-25

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;

* Indicates please stand if able.

**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

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 4:11-24

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

Scripture Context:

God grants deliverance to Israel by the hand of Barak along with Deborah and Jael

And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the LORD and the priests passed over before the people.¹² The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses had told them.¹³ About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho.¹⁴ On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.¹⁶ "Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan."¹⁷ So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan."¹⁸ And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.¹⁹ The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.²⁰ And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.²¹ And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?'

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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**

Tune: All Creatures of Our God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Alleluiah!

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah!

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Worship in Song**

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Chorus:

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

² Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

Chorus:

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed

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***I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am***

{Bridge}

**I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
*[Repeat]***

I am who You say I am

Chorus:

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am***

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Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

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

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

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

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 & Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text: James 5:1-6

Preaching of the Word

Woe to the Wicked Rich

***Closing Hymn**

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

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

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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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***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:

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.