

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 14 JUNE

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.

2 Peter 1:1-2

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Psalm of the Day

We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.

Psalm 50

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

A psalm of Asaph.

- 1 The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
- 2 From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.
- 3 Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.
- 4 He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 "Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
- 6 And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.
- 7 "Listen, my people, and I will speak;
I will testify against you, Israel:
I am God, your God.
- 8 I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices
or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
- 9 I have no need of a bull from your stall
or of goats from your pens,
- 10 for every animal of the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

11 I know every bird in the mountains,
and the insects in the fields are mine.
12 If I were hungry I would not tell you,
for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
14 "Sacrifice thank offerings to God,
fulfill your vows to the Most High,
15 and call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
16 But to the wicked person, God says:
"What right have you to recite my laws
or take my covenant on your lips?
17 You hate my instruction
and cast my words behind you.
18 When you see a thief, you join with him;
you throw in your lot with adulterers.
19 You use your mouth for evil
and harness your tongue to deceit.
20 You sit and testify against your brother
and slander your own mother's son.
21 When you did these things and I kept silent,
you thought I was exactly like you.
But I now arraign you
and set my accusations before you.
22 "Consider this, you who forget God,
or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:
23 Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,
and to the blameless I will show my salvation."

Prelude

Prelude in F Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Ruth Pfister, organ

Introit

Open Thou My Eyes

Text: Lancelot Andrews (1565) and Isaac Wardell (2008)

Music: John Rutter, alt. Isaac Wardell

Ellie Stager, Guitar and Vocals

*Call to Worship

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God's presence together.

From Psalm 50

Leader: The LORD calls out: "Gather to me this consecrated people!"

People: Let us gather in his presence, and consecrate ourselves to him!

Leader: The LORD says: "Listen, my people, and I will speak. I, your God, will testify!"

People: Let us humble ourselves, hearing his voice with open ears and hearts!

Leader: The LORD says: "Sacrifice offerings of thanksgiving to me; fulfill your vows to me, the LORD Most High."

People: Let us bring our sacrifices of praise, and offer our very selves as living offerings, holy and pleasing to our Savior!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Having called one another to God's praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.

From Psalm 50

Gracious God and Father, you declared through the psalmist that if we, your people, sacrifice with thanksgiving and come before you with blameless hearts, you will demonstrate to us your salvation. We have come in the name of Jesus to offer you our thanks, and to have our hearts changed by the power of your Word and Spirit. Receive our praise. Deal graciously with us, despite our sins. Give us upright and blameless hearts and lives. And above all, showcase to us once again your mighty hand and your strong arm of salvation, shown to us through our Savior and the Lord of all, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we enter your presence and make our prayer. Amen!

*Song of Praise

With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander (1680)

Tune: Anonymous (1665)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.

From Psalm 50

Gracious God and Mighty Father, you summon us to listen, and you promise not to be silent. Even if it convicts us and causes us grief, speak your truth to our hearts. Uncover our hidden idols. Reveal the ways in which we need to make amends to those we've wronged. Show us how our Savior has done all that we could not do, for our sake. Give us all that we need, spiritually, so that we are fully equipped to fulfill all our vows to you—in singular devotion and loyalty to you, and in the honoring and serving of your image in our neighbor. In your Son's name. Amen.

Examination

We reflect on the Psalm of the Day and use it to examine our hearts and minds, leading us to confession of our sin.

Psalm 50 speaks of our God as the not-silent one (3) who summons all creation (4) to be his witnesses as he judges his people with righteousness. It's kind of a terrifying experience. God brings charges against Israel. They are very active in sacrifices and public worship (8), but they don't seem to be genuinely calling upon the Lord in their trouble (15), or offering honest thanksgiving to him (14). Some of them seem to have a distant and cold relationship to him: they despise his discipline (17). And there is no justice in their community: they allow thieves to continue stealing (18).

God's case against his people is that they lack a true understanding of who he is, and so they lack a heart for his own justice and they lack the humility to give him thanks (23).

When we are cold toward the Lord; when we are distant from his heart, we quickly turn into people whose worship might be superficially enthusiastic but inauthentic. We become tolerant of theft and other lawlessness.

We need an honest reckoning with who God is, and the salvation he offers in Jesus, if we are going to be a community that offers real praise and lives of real holiness to the glory of his name.

Let us confess our sin.

Silent Confession

Take a moment to reflect and to confess your sins silently before the Lord.

Song of Confession of Sin

Kyrie

Nathan Clark George (2013)

Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy)
Christ, have mercy (Christ, have mercy)
Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy)
Upon us

**Assurance of God's Pardon*

Dear Friends in Christ, it *is* a terrifying thing when God summons the creation to witness and confronts us for our cold-hearted worship and our injustice. When God does not keep silence, it means that we have to hear truth.

And yet, when God speaks most clearly, it is a word not of judgment and condemnation, but of grace, mercy, and peace. As verse 2 says: out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. When he spoke most clearly, it was in the radiance and beauty of his Son's perfect life, lived for us. His perfect life given up for us—a sacrifice infinitely better than bulls and goats. God judges his people. But if his people are in Christ, then his people belong to his covenant of grace, sealed by Jesus' sacrifice. And in Christ, we, his people, are declared to be his faithful ones.

For the sake of Jesus, your good God pardons you and renews you. Let us rejoice, for he has shown us his salvation! Amen!

**Song of Assurance*

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Text: Anna Bartlett Warner (1859)

Tune: William Batchelder Bradbury (1861)

Musical Notation

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me." (Refrain)

New Testament Lesson

During our current series, our New Testament lessons are selected to complement the study of the Ten Commandments.

James 5:1-6

5 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. **2** Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. **3** Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. **4** Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. **5** You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. **6** You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Let the Children Come to Him!

Children's Message

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

Children's Resources

[Sermon Notes](#) | [Children's Booklet](#) (includes coloring and activity pages)

Preaching of the Word

Meditation

Hebrew Folk Song

Trad.

Harry White, saxophone

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-2; 15

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

15 "You shall not steal."

Sermon

The Eighth Word: "Treasure My Generosity"| The Father's Ten Good Words

(For Pastor Sam's Evening Service sermon and other IPC sermons, check out the [IPC Sermons page](#).)

Responding to God's Word

*Song of Response

This is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock (1901)

Tune: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard (1915)

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint. For more, [click here](#).

Offertory

Lullaby of Birdland (1952)

Geroge Shearing (1919–2011)

Harry White, saxophone

*Doxology

Ruth Pfister, organ

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Prayers of the People

We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

Lord, in your mercy ...

And the congregation may respond:
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Sending Song

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Text: William Walsham How (c. 1858)

Tune: SCHUMAN (attr. Robert Schuman, 1858)

[Musical notation \(PDF\)](#)

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.

To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lone and fatherless
is angels' work below.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.

And we believe thy Word,
though dim our faith may be;

whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

*Commissioning and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!
Postlude

Fugue in G Major

Nikolas Bruhns (1665-1697)
Ruth Pfister, organ