

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | 21 JUNE

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Greeting

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

Romans 1:7

To all who are in Christ, beloved of God, called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 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 145

A psalm of praise. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- <sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- <sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, Lord;  
your faithful people extol you.
- <sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,
- <sup>12</sup> so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.  
The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.
- <sup>16</sup> You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways

and faithful in all he does.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>20</sup> The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.

### Prelude

Prelude in D Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Ruth Pfister, organ

### \*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 145

Leader: Exalt the LORD, your God and King!

**People: We will praise his name forever and ever!**

Leader; Praise his name every day!

**People: We will extol his name always!**

Leader: All his works praise him!

**People: And we, his faithful people, above all, will extol him!**

Leader: Tell of the glory of his kingdom, and speak of his might!

**People: Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD, and may every creature join our praise, forever and ever!**

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 145

Gracious God and Father, you are righteous in all your ways, and faithful in all you do. You are near to all those who call on you. And we call upon you now. You fulfill the desires of all who fear you. We bring our desires to you. Refine them and conform them to Christ. Fulfill them according to your lovingkindness and generosity. And as you do, we offer our mouths to you in praise and adoration, in testimony and devotion. Give us joy in our hearts and truth on our lips, that we might tell one another, and the world around us, of your mighty acts of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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, My Soul, The King of Heaven  
Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1834)  
Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss (1869)  
Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## **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 145

Gracious God and loving Father, we were made to tell of you and your kingdom, your love and your grace. As we gather under the ministry of your Word, speak to our hearts—individually and as a congregation—so that our minds are filled with truth, our hearts are bathed in love, and our wills are fortified with purpose. As you do so, prepare us for a week of discipleship in which we extend our hands with your grace and our words with your truth. Tell us again of your abundant goodness, and we will repeat the story of your salvation with joy among the nations. For Christ's sake. 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. Please turn in your Bibles to Psalm 145 as we reflect on it together.*

Psalm 145 is a "speaking" Psalm. It is all about the *testimony* that God's creatures give: about God's worthiness (3); his majesty (5); his awesome works; and on and

on.

Verses 9-12 say that creation bears witness to all of this grace and glory of our God. Finally, the Psalm concludes (21) with the psalmist deciding to take the witness stand and give testimony along with creation: "My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD!" And then the psalmist calls on creation to join with human testimony in ongoing witness to God's great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

You and I are surrounded by creatures that spontaneously and joyfully bear witness to the truth about God's majesty and mercy. If we stop giving testimony, the rocks will keep on testifying.

Often we *do* stop giving testimony. We bear false witness about who God is by our words and attitudes and actions. We fail to tell the whole truth when we stop short of declaring the marvels of his salvation in Christ. And we leave the rest of creation without its worship leaders.

Let us confess our sin.

#### Silent Confession

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

#### Prayer of Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that our lips have been much too quick to speak ill of our neighbor, and much too slow to testify to your unfailing love. You are righteous in all your ways, and you are right to call us to repentance. We do humbly repent, and we bow down and fall on our knees to ask your forgiveness. We lift up our eyes to you, seeking your pardon and your mercy. Forgive and renew us that we might embrace once again our calling to lead creation in truth-telling about you, for your name's sake, and for the delight and comfort of our neighbor, who also needs you as we do. We make our confession and ask for cleansing in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### \*Assurance of God's Pardon

Dear Friends in Christ, the psalmist proclaims (14) that the LORD upholds all who fall, and lifts up those who are bowed down; that he is (18) near to those who call on him in truth; that he (20) hears our cries and saves us.

Instead of condemning us for our poor witness-bearing, the Good Father has sent his Son to testify truly to his Father's majesty and mercy, and to lead us back to our calling as his witness-bearers. In fact, Jesus bore witness not just with words of grace and truth, but with a life of pure holiness and even with the silence of his lips as he spoke his Father's loyal love to us at the cross.

In his forgiveness and restoration, it's time to return to our place as witness-bearers, alongside and ahead of creation, so that the whole world might be filled with the knowledge of God and might resound with his praises.

Go in the confidence of his forgiveness and renewal! Amen!

#### \*Gloria Patri

Ruth Pfister, organ

## New Testament Lesson

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

Revelation 1:4-16

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

John’s Vision of Christ

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to

Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

## Let the Children Come to Him!

Children’s Message

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfí

Children’s Resources

## Preaching of the Word

Meditation

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

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Ellie Stager, vocals, guitar

Vanessa Bischoff, cello

Ewa Soluch, piano

Andy Stager, percussion  
Matt Shipman, vocals

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

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

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

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

### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-2; 16

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words:

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

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

### Sermon

The Ninth Word: "Treasure My Truth"| 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**

Sing, All Souls, With Joy and Wonder

Text: Andy Stager

Tune: BEECHER by John Zundel (1870).

Ewa Soluch (piano), Ellie Stager (vocals), and Andy Stager (various).

Sing, all souls, with joy and wonder  
Sing your Father's very heart  
Echo back his love and thunder  
Never from his words depart  
Sing! Your Lord for freedom saved you  
From the Pharaoh of your sin  
Sing! A way his grace has paved you  
His own Promised Land to win

Sing the song of none but Jesus  
He's the Father's chosen King  
No one like our Lord has freed us  
To no other praises bring  
Sing! And serve no graven idol  
Deaf and dumb: how can they save?  
Sing! And serve alone your Sovereign  
You're his child and not a slave!

Sing his name with holy reverence  
On your tongues its sweetness taste  
Taste and savor all his goodness  
Not a honeyed morsel waste  
Sing each day as dawn is breaking  
Sing from morn to eventide  
Sing, the Sabbath not forsaking  
In his house all day abide

Sing, all souls, with joy and wonder  
Sing your Father's very heart  
Echo back his love and thunder  
Never from his words depart  
Sing! Your Lord for freedom saved you  
From the Pharaoh of your sin  
Sing! A way his grace has paved you  
His own Promised Land to win

## **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.*

### **Offertory**

This I Believe (The Creed)

Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker (2014)

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Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*\*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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Text: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859

Tune: BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

#### \*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

Dialogue sur les grands Jeux

Nicolas de Gringuy

Ruth Pfister, organ