

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 7 JUNE

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

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

From Philemon 1-3

Fellow prisoners—captive and free in Jesus Christ; fellow laborers; fellow soldiers; all dear ones in the Lord, who gather for church in your houses: Grace and peace to you 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 51

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

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
- 5 Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
- 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
- 15 Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.
- 18 May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Prelude

Plein jeu. Premier Couplet du Gloria from "Messe pour les Convents"(Mass for the Monasteries)

François Couperin (1668 – 1733)

Ruth Pfister, organ

Introit

Kommt, Seelen, dieser Tag (BWV 479)
("Come, Let us all this Day")

Bach-Schemelli

Deborah Fogal, Soprano

Bettina Schneebeli, Alto

Zachary Fogal, Tenor

Kai Bischoff, Bass

Come, souls, this day must be sung of in holiness,
speak out God's words with newly awakened tongues,
this day the good spirit has outfitted many heroes.
Pray that he may greet the hearts here, too.

Whom God's spirit inspires, whom God's word stirs,
and whoever carries the firstfruits by his grace,
join with us and praise God's faithfulness,
that is present at this feast and all mornings new

*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 51

Leader: Gather into the Lord's house, for he loves to build up the walls of Jerusalem, and to prosper Zion, his people!

People: How he delights in our sacrifices of praise!

Leader: Come—not with burnt offerings, but with broken hearts and contrite spirits!

People: He has never despised us when we have come in genuine humility with repentant hearts!

Leader: Draw near to the Lord, and he will restore to you the joy of his salvation!

People: May he teach us his ways of truth and grace, that we might teach one another, and the nations, everything our Lord Jesus has commanded us!

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 51

Great God and Father, we draw near to you in Jesus Christ, by whom we were made and for whom we have been redeemed. As we sing your praises, hear your word, and call upon your name in humility, reverence, awe, and fresh commitment, fill us with the joy of our salvation! Open up our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise! We bring you not bulls or goats or burnt offerings, but ourselves—living sacrifices redeemed by your perfect final sacrifice, our dear Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, whom you have generously poured out upon us—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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Walter C. Smith

Tune: Welsh Melody

Ruth Pfister, organ

(Musical Notation [PDF])

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above

thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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.

Gracious God and Father, we have entered your presence professing your eternal attributes: your wisdom, your immortality, your divinity, your life-giving goodness, your providence, your unfailing love. Now we come before you also confessing our lack—not only our lack of divine qualities, but our moral brokenness and our waywardness. Help us, as we reflect on your word, to believe what is true—about you, and about ourselves. Help us, by your Spirit, to bring our lives into conformity with your good and gracious purposes. Help us to understand your Word with our minds and to submit to it in the depths of our hearts. We ask it for the sake of your True and Living Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 51 is a confession psalm through and through. The title tells us that this was David's prayer of confession when he was confronted by the prophet Nathan about his sin of adultery and its cover-up by murder.

You and I—as we discovered last week—are complicit in murder, through our violent hearts and hands. You and I are also complicit in adultery, as we will learn from our Good Father and his Good Son today; we have not been the faithful people we have promised to be.

But you and I, like David, are able to stand before God and plead *his* faithfulness and lovingkindness, rather than our own. This faithfulness and lovingkindness has been shown to us especially in the coming, the life, the faithfulness, the self-giving sacrifice, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Let us claim God's character and confess our own.

Song of Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together and ask God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

God, Be Merciful to Me (stanzas 1-5)

Text: Psalm 51 (Richard Redhead)

Tune: Christopher Minor (1997)
Ellie Stager, vocals, piano; Andy Stager, guitar

God, be merciful to me,
on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace
and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just,
speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

***Assurance of God's Pardon**

Dear Friends in Christ, God our Father *has* delivered us from the guilt of bloodshed, through the blood shed by his dear Son, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. God our Good Father has *not* withheld his Spirit from us, but has poured the Spirit upon us in rich abundance, and with the Spirit gives us the joy of our salvation. Go in the freedom of your full and free pardon, in Jesus' name! Amen!

***Song of Assurance**

God, Be Merciful to Me (stanzas 6-8)

Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

Not the formal sacrifice
hath acceptance in thine eyes;
broken hearts are in thy sight
more than sacrificial rite;
contrite spirit, pleading cries,
thou, O God, wilt not despise.

Prosper Zion in thy grace
and her broken walls replace;
then our righteous sacrifice
shall delight thy holy eyes;
free-will offerings, gladly made,
on thine altar shall be laid.

New Testament Lesson

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

Matthew 5:27-32

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Let the Children Come to Him!

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Sam E. Gyorfi

Preaching of the Word

Meditation

Amazing Grace

John Newton (1779)

British Folk Tune

Harry White, saxophone

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-2; 14

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.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.”

Sermon

“Treasure My Mysteries: The Father's Ten Good Words (Part 7)”

Rev. Andrew R. Stager

Responding to God's Word

*Song of Response

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William Marion Runyan (1923)

Ruth Pfister, organ

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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

all I have needed thy hand hath provided—

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

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

You Raise Me Up

By Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland

Arranged by Roger Emerson

Young People's Choir

Joshua Leung, Director

Sopranos: Motsy Okorodudu, Anne-Fleur Fahner, Nora Sparks; *Altos:* Natascha Gray, Claire Abhari, Samantha Leung; *Tenors:* Jonah Bagajo, Joshua Bagajo; *Basses:* James Alton, Joshua Leung

*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

The Church's One Foundation

Text: S. J. Stone (1866)

Tune: AURELIA, Samuel Wesley (1864)

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

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious

shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

*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

Allabreve in D Major BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach (1765-1850)

Ruth Pfister, organ