

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

God in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known;
Where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.
Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name;
May read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, power, and grace of God.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to WorshipPsalm 138.1-3, 8

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
Before the gods I sing your praise;
People: I bow down toward your holy temple
And give thanks to your name
For your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
For you have exalted above all things
Your name and your word.
Leader: On the day I called, you answered me;
My strength of soul you increased.
People: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Leader: Let’s worship the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:Come, Thou Almighty KingTrinity #101

Come, thou Almighty King, / help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. / Father, all glorious,
O’er all victorious, / come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, / gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. / Come, and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success; / Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, / thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. / Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, / and ne’er from us depart,
Spirit of pow’r.

To the great One in Three / eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. / His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, / and to eternity
Love and adore.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:2 Timothy 3.16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for re-proof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:1 Timothy 1.15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow’r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Prayer of Intercession

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,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:Luke 1.1-4

Sermon:Thankful for the Word!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith:Westminster Confession of Faith

1.1. Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation: therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God’s revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.

Hymn of ResponseHow Firm a FoundationTrinity #94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
You, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.

Benediction:Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.