

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

The final apologetic [is] observable oneness among true Christians.... (Francis Schaeffer)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 67.1-7

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
And make his face to shine upon us,
People: That your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you!
People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For you judge the peoples with equity
And guide the nations of the earth.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you!
People: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
Leader: God shall bless us;
Let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Trinity #715

Come, ye thankful people, come, / raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, / ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide / for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God’s own temple, come, / raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, / fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, / unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, / then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we / wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, / and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day / all offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last / in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store / in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come / to thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, / free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, / in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, / raise the glorious harvest home.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: Leviticus 19.15-18

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Exodus 34.6-7a

The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin....”

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness / To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace / And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness / And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness / With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness / To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength / And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev’ry promise is enough / For ev’ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love / And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness / To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, / Whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth / Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, /To love and follow him.

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: Hebrews 10.19-25

Sermon: A Safe Space: Transformed by the Power of Christ in Community

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: Matthew 28.18-20

Leader: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

People: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Hymn of Response We Are God’s People Trinity #355

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word
Our cornerstone is Christ alone and strong in Him we stand
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand

We are God’s loved one, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead.
He wills us be a family diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
And so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light and to inspire.

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.