THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

"There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!" (Abraham Kuyper)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

Let the earth quake!

People: The LORD is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

People: The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; You have executed justice And righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God;

Worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Greeting: Romans 1.7b

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: And also to you!

Doxology: Trinity Hymnal #731

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord Trinity Hymnal #175

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

1 Peter 2.13-17

Psalm 99.1-5

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brother-hood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

1 Peter 1.18-19

...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery / In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises / Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness / Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery / He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering / Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption / See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him / Praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance / How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when he comes

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Professions of Faith:

Will & Lanie Anderson

Hymn of Meditation: Psalm 62:1-7 (Tune: There is a Fountain Filled With Blood)

My soul in silence waits for God; / He's my salvation proved. He is my stronghold and my rock; / I'll not be greatly moved. I'll not be greatly moved. He is my stronghold and my rock; / I'll not be greatly moved.

How long will ye a man assail / And seek to make him fall As though he were a tott'ring fence / Or like a leaning wall? Or like a leaning wall? / Or like a leaning wall? As though he were a tott'ring fence / Or like a leaning wall?

They plot to bring his glory down; / In lies they take delight; And while they bless him with their mouth, / They curse with inward spite. They curse with inward spite. / They curse with inward spite. And while they bless him with their mouth, / They curse with inward spite.

In God alone my glory is / And my salvation sure; My rock of strength is found in God / My refuge most secure. I'll not be greatly moved / I'll not be greatly moved. He is my stronghold and my rock; / I'll not be greatly moved.

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Luke 20.19-26

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, by your Spirit, that we may purely and perfectly understand your Word, especially your gracious Gospel, so that our whole lives may be offered to you as living sacrifices of thanks and praise. Amen.

Sermon:

Render to God What's God's

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Response:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Trinity Hymnal #598

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.