

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In the story of freedom, God is always the subject; the human, always the object. If men and women are to live free, it will be because of God's actions, not because of our own will or disposition or politics or intelligence. (Eugene Peterson)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: *Matthew 11.28-30*

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.

**People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
For I am gentle and lowly in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.**

Leader: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

People: Let's worship the Lord!

Greeting: *2 Thessalonians 1.2*

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: *The Church's One Foundation Trinity Hymnal #347*

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: *Isaiah 6.1-5*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: *Isaiah 6.6-8*

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain / An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain! / For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, should die for me!

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He left His Father's throne above, / So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, / And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, / For O my God, it found out me! **Refrain**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, / Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; / I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, / I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. **Refrain**

No condemnation now I dread; / Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, / And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, / And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Refrain x2

Profession of Faith: *Nash Simmons*

Prayer of Intercession: *The Lord's Prayer*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

Hymn of Meditation: *Upon a Life I Did Not Live*

Upon a Life I have not lived, / Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death, / I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, / Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; another's griefs, / On these I rest, on these alone.

Refrain

*O Jesus, Son of God, / I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read, / My guilt, and pardon there I see. / There I see.*

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, / As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, / As one who has Thy gift received. **Refrain**

Upon a Life I have not lived, / Upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death, / I stake my whole eternity. **Refrain x2**

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 1.11-24*

Sermon: *A Testimony of Freedom, Part 1*

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Creed: *The Belgic Confession*

Article 22: What Do You Believe about the Righteousness of Faith?

We believe that for us to acquire the true knowledge of this great mystery the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him. For it must necessarily follow that either all that is required for our salvation is not in Christ or, if all is in him, then those who have Christ by faith have his salvation entirely. Therefore, to say that Christ is not enough but that something else is needed as well is a most enormous blasphemy against God—for it then would follow that Jesus Christ is only half a Savior. And therefore we justly say with Paul that we are justified "by faith alone" or "by faith apart from works." However, we do not mean, properly speaking, that it is faith itself that justifies us—for faith is only the instrument by which we embrace Christ, our righteousness. But Jesus Christ is our righteousness in making available to us all his merits and all the holy works he has done for us and in our place. And faith is the instrument that keeps us in communion with him and with all his benefits. When those benefits are made ours, they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins.

Hymn of Preparation: *Break Thou the Bread of Life Trinity Hymnal #146 (Stanzas 1-3)*

Sursum Corda:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Prayer of Adoration and Assistance

Invitation to the Table: *John 6.35*

Fencing of the Table: *1 Corinthians 11.27-32*

Words of Institution: *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

Distribution

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response: *Break Thou the Bread of Life Trinity Hymnal #146 (Stanza 4)*

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.