

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion with God—this is what the whole Bible is about! Union with Christ is the doorway to communion with God. (Rankin Wilbourne)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 98.1-3

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
For he has done marvelous things!  
People: His right hand and his holy arm  
Have worked salvation for him.  
Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation;  
He has revealed his righteousness  
In the sight of the nations.  
People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
To the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
The salvation of our God.

Greeting: 1 Corinthians 1.3

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: We Come, O Christ, to You  
Trinity Hymnal #181

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: 1 John 2.28-29

And now, little children, abide in [Christ], so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of [God].

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 1 John 2.1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Loved with Everlasting Love  
Trinity Hymnal #703

Recognition of Elder Emeritus: Dr. Julian Hill

Prayer of Intercession: The Lord’s Prayer

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

Hymn of Meditation: Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

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, / a Death I did not die,  
Another’s Life; Another’s Death, / I stake my whole eternity. Refrain x 2

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Galatians 2.17-21

Sermon: Breathe the Free Air!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 29. How are we made to take part in the redemption Christ bought?

A. We take part in the redemption Christ bought when the Holy Spirit effectively applies it to us.

Q. 30. How does the Holy Spirit apply to us the redemption Christ bought?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption Christ bought by producing faith in us and so uniting us to Christ in our effective calling.

Q. 31. What is effective calling?

A. Effective calling is the work of God’s Spirit, Who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable, Who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and Who renews our wills. This is how He persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ, Who is freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. What benefits do those who are effectively called share in this life?

A. In this life those who are effectively called share justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that either go with or come from them.

Hymn of Response: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer / There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus / For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine” / Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken / For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing / For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me / Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome / Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven / The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon /And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated / Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free” / Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus / For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me / Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus / All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat / Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
x3

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.