

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.” (John Newton)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Leader: Sing to him a new song;
Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
People: For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all his work is done in faithfulness.
Leader: He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
People: Let’s worship the LORD!

Greeting: 1 Peter 1:2

Leader: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
People: And also to you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #94

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail / Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail / He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold / Through life’s fearful path
For my love is often cold / He must hold me fast

Refrain
He will hold me fast / He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so / He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight / Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight / He will hold me fast
He’ll not let my soul be lost/ His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost / He will hold me fast Refrain

For my life He bled and died / Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied / He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life / He will hold me fast
‘Til our faith is turned to sight / When He comes at last! Refrain x2

Profession of Faith: Lucas & Lauren McElwain
Ava McElwain
Clark McElwain

Song of Commitment: We are the Body of Christ

One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you
We are the body of Christ.
One hope, one vision to see you exalted
We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.
One heart, one spirit, one voice to praise you
We are the body of Christ.
We are the body of Christ.

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: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Spirit of the Living God, thank you that your Word is true and reliable. Help us to want to commit ourselves totally to it today. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Sermon: God’s People said, “Amen.”

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism

32. Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Hymn of Response: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!
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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.