

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Expect great things from God, receive great things from God.
Expect little from God, receive little from God. (William Carey)

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 upon 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!

Greeting: Ruth 2:4

Leader: The LORD be with you!
People: The LORD bless you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal #2

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 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,
A death I did not die,
Another’s life; Another’s death,
I stake my whole eternity. Refrain x 2

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, at 10:30 service only

Song of Meditation: Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow’r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

God Counsels Us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Father, when we hear your word today, help us receive it, not as the word of men, but as the word of God, and by your Spirit, may it do its work in us, as an implanted seed, able to bear a harvest of righteousness. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 54:1-3

Sermon: Living Expectantly

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 86. We have been delivered from our misery by God’s grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Hymn of Response: Christ for the World We Sing
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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.