

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

—Jude 1:24-25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Choir

"Bryn Myrddin"
J. Morgan Nicholas (1895-1963)

Great was Christ the Lord eternal, Great to wear the flesh of man;
Great on Calvary to languish, Great to conquer death's dark span;
Truly great His estate, King of heav'n and earth innate.

Great was Jesus in God's purpose, Great as peace the covenant gave;

Great in Bethlehem and Calv'ry, Great ascending from the grave;
Greater still to fulfill, Secret pledges of God's will.

Great is Jesus in His Person, Great as God and great as man;
Bright His countenance and beauty, On His throne in heaven's plan.
Praises be, Great is He, We will serve Him faithfully. Amen.

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Call to Worship*

2 Corinthians 1:2-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

Psalm of Praise*

#121C

"Unto the Hills I Lift My Longing Eyes"

Invocation*

Confession of Faith

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest

who have no hope. **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

Confession of Sin

Ephesians 5:3-12

But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:21-25

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually

straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Hymn of Assurance*

#238

"My Dear Redeemer and My Lord"

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

(Please fill out the fellowship pads at this time and pass them down the aisle.)

Prayer of Response

Scripture Reading*

Psalm 121 (KJV); Ephesians 3:1-12

Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Jim Claycomb

"The mystery of Christ in you, the hope of glory"

Colossians 1:20-29

Hymn of Affirmation

#108C

"With Steadfast Heart, O God"

Blessing*

2 Corinthians 13:11, 14

Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Benediction*

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

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Postlude*