

The Lord's Service

January 28, 2018

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. (Chorus)

(2002 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, prepare to meet the *eternal* God in worship.

*Choral Call to Worship

Psalm 104.33

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will sing praises to my God.

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker
of heaven and earth

PEOPLE: **Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the
Lord, all the earth!**

LEADER: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His
salvation from day to day.

PEOPLE: **Declare His glory among the nations, His
marvelous works among all the peoples!**

ALL: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised.**

*Salutation

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
from Psalm 90

*Invocation

Elder Jason Brown

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

LEADER: Hear now the Covenant of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

PEOPLE: **You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

LEADER: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

PEOPLE: **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

LEADER: Honor your father and your mother.

PEOPLE: **You shall not murder.**

LEADER: You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE: **You shall not steal.**

LEADER: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

PEOPLE: **You shall not covet.”**

LEADER: Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE: **No, but we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed.**

LEADER: Then confess your sins to the Lord for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the good news...
...The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(2002 Thankyou Music)

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder Dean Elwood

Isaiah 40.25-31 (p. 600)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Baptism

Daisy Hope Brock

Congregational Vow

LEADER: Will you, members of Covenant Presbyterian,
undertake the responsibility of assisting these
parents in the Christian training of this child?

PEOPLE: We will, with God's help.

Baptism Hymn



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,



cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; _____
marked with the sign of Christ, our King; _____



Heirs of Sal - va - tion, Trust - ing His pro - mise,
one with His ri - sing, freed and for - gi - ven,
3. In the Name of God the Fa - ther,



faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. _____
loo - king to hea - ven now we sing. _____ To Coda ☺
and of the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. _____

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy gardens and Thy gallant walks continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flowers as nowhere else are seen.

These trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring,
There evermore the angels dwell, and evermore do sing.

Christ, do Thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love,
That I may see Thee and adore with all Thy saints above.

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*Doxology

Now Thank We All Our God

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven -
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 111

This Is My Father's World

Scripture Lesson

I Peter 3.8-17 (p. 1015)

Sermon

Dr. Herb Ward

**A CALL TO GIVE A REASON
FOR THE HOPE THAT WE HAVE**

*Hymn

No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession C. 12 P. 1

All who are justified, God graciously guarantees to make partakers of the grace of adoption in and for His only Son, Jesus Christ. By this act they are taken into the number of God's children and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship; they are given His name; they receive the Spirit of adoption; they have access to the throne of grace with boldness; and they are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father." Like a father, God has compassion on, protects, provides for, and chastens them; yet, they will never be cast off, but are sealed to the day of redemption, and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Dr. Ward

Postlude