

The Lord's Service

February 25, 2018

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
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When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.

My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

(1997 Vikki Cook and Charitie L. Bancroft Worship)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

PEOPLE: Give thanks to the Lord, for His Word is upright and all His work is done by faithfulness.

LEADER: The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love.

PEOPLE: Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and our shield.

LEADER: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

ALL: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

*Salutation

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 7

From All That Dwell below the Skies

based on Psalm 117

*Invocation

Elder Ernie 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.

Choral Song of Meditation

Psalm 119.174-175

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;

Thy law is my delight, O Lord.

O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,

And Thy judgements, shall help me.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and Whose mercy we forget
in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults,
confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son. 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!

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading Elder Howard VanderGriend
Psalm 97 (p. 499)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Celebration of Baptism Grey Atlas Watne

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. This lamb, Good Shep - herd, is Your own, a ho - ly one, an heir
2. May he in awe of cove - nant grace sing Da - vid's song a - new:
3. Make his a home where love pro - vides a shel - ter, temp - le, school,
4. O let the Chur - ch's love and zeal in - spire this child of light
5. In - cline his heart to God - ly fear that he from sin might flee;

to prom - ised love and right - cou - ness and ev - er - last - ing care.
"Lord, e - ven at my moth - er's breast You made me trust in You."
where shouts of joy and vic - tor - y de - clare the Sav - ior's rule. A - men.
to find the Lord his high - est joy, the sab - bath his de - light.
May he at that great feast a - bove his child - ren's child - ren see.

Richard Hannula

BRYONIE
John Wykoff

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

To the Cross, Lord, Lead Us Singing

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, to the cross where You have died;
Where Your blood flows like a river, that we may be purified.

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing with the hosts on high,
Calvary's anthem of redemption, ransomed sinners justified.

Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, God's own Son has paid the price,
Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, sinless Lamb, the sacrifice.

Yours the victory at Calvary, suffering there to end the strife.
In Your wounds we now find healing, in Your fearful death, our life.

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing to the Great I Am;
Calvary's anthem of redemption, songs of praise to Christ the Lamb.

(Lantz, 2008 Beckenhorst Press)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 642

Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Lesson

John 17.20.26 (p. 903)

Sermon

Dr. J. Render Caines

THE LORD'S PRAYER III:
THAT WE MIGHT BE ONE

*Hymn

No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Westminster Confession C. 8 P. 5

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself - which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God - has fully satisfied the justice of His Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance of the kingdom of heaven for all those the Father has given Him.

*Gloria Patri

No. 734

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

Pastor Caines

Postlude