

The Lord's Service

March 4, 2018

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

(1989 Word Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

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

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven of earth.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord.**

LEADER: Blessed be the Name of the Lord from this time forth and forever.

PEOPLE: **From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Name of the Lord is to be praised.**

*Salutation

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 508

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Invocation

Elder Tony DeMarco

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

LEADER: Hear now the commandments of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.

PEOPLE: **And the second, like unto it is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'**"

LEADER: Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded?

PEOPLE: **No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and 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)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. 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 John Wykoff

Psalm 51.1-14 (p. 474)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to become a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.

O wash me in His precious blood till I am just a lamb of God.

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*Doxology

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed and did my Sov' reign die.
2. Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned up - on the tree?
3. Thus might I hide my blush ing face while His dear cross ap - pears;



Would He de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
A - maz - ing pi - ty, grace un - known! and love be - yond de - gree.
Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness and melt my heart in tears.



Thy bo - dy slain, sweet Je - sus thine, and bathed in its own blood,
Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut His glo - ry in,
But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;



while all ex - posed to wrath di - vine the glo - rious Suf frer stood?
when Christ, the might - y Ma - ker died for man the crea - ture's sin.
here Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Scripture Lesson

John 18.1-12 (p. 904)

Sermon

Pastor Bennett

SORROW AND LOVE IN THE GARDEN

*Hymn

No. 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and death?

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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 Communes with Us

*The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is good and right so to do**

LEADER: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing...

Therefore with angels and archangels, and
with all the company of heaven, we praise
and magnify your glorious Name, ever more
praising and singing...

*Song of Ascent

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven__ and earth__ are
full__ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes__ in the name__ of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

Jesus Keep Me near the Cross

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all— a heal - ing stream— flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

REFRAIN

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

*Hymn

No. 460

Amazing Grace! (vs. 1-3, 6)

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Pastor Bennett

Postlude

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