

# The Lord's Service

September 9, 2018

\*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

\*Song of Praise with Greeting

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death, and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

(1995 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

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

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 59.16-17

LEADER: But I will sing of Your strength; I will sing aloud  
of Your steadfast love in the morning.

PEOPLE: **For You have been my fortress and a refuge  
in the day of my distress.**

LEADER: O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,

PEOPLE: **O God, you are my fortress, the God who  
shows me steadfast love.**

\*Salutation

Pastor Jones

\*Hymn

No. 529

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*Invocation

Elder Jason Coffey

# God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Deuteronomy 4.36-39

**LEADER:** Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might discipline you. And on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

**PEOPLE:** And because He loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with His own presence, by His great power,

**LEADER:** Driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,

**PEOPLE:** Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath: there is no other.

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

No. 455

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Readings

Elder Todd Gaither

Isaiah 57.14-15 (p. 616)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

*O Love*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in the ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go.  
(Hagenberg, 2016 Beckenhorst Press)

\*Doxology

No. 733

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!

\*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

\*Hymn

*Beneath the Cross*

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I find a place to stand; and won - der at such  
 2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ly is my own. Once stran - gers chas - ing  
 3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown, we fol - low in His

mer - cy that calls me as I am. For - hand that should dis - card me, hold  
 sel - fish dreams, now one, through grace a - lone. How could I now dis - hon - or the  
 foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be - fore us to

wounds which tell me, "come." Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.  
 ones that You have loved. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.  
 be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 (p. 988)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

THE WAY WE GROW

\*Hymn

No. 642

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried;**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*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

Postlude

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal