

The Lord's Service

September 23, 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 *living* God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 104.31-33

LEADER: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

PEOPLE: May the Lord rejoice in His works,

LEADER: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

PEOPLE: Who touches the mountains and they smoke!

LEADER: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

**PEOPLE: I will sing praise to my God while I have
being.**

*Salutation

Pastor Jones

*Hymn

No. 660

O God beyond All Praising

*Invocation

Elder John Wykoff

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Exodus 20.2-7

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before Me.**

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

PEOPLE: **You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in van, for the Lord will not home Him guiltless who takes His name in vain.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Almighty God,
we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed;
we have not loved You
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have
done,
and the good we have left undone.
Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious,
slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy;
there is always forgiveness with You!
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation;
bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds,
strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.
Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us
until it has wrought in us Your holy will,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.1-4

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the good news:

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Arise, My Soul, Arise

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Readings

Elder Dean Elwood

Ezekiel 28.25-26 (p. 716)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord

Nicole Lewin, soprano

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!

Praise the Lord with joyful song,
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, Alleluia!
Praise Him! Praise the Lord with joyful song, Alleluia!

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!

All that hath life and breath sing to the Lord a new-made song,
Praise His name, Alleluia!

Unto Thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,
And cried unto the rock of my salvation;
But Thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.
All that hath life and breath praise Him. Alleluia!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation. Alleluia.

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!

Praise Him! Laud Him! Alleluia!
(Clausen, 1981 Fostco Music)

*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

No. 710

God of Our Fathers

Scripture Lesson

2 Thessalonians 2 (p. 989)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

HOW TO HANDLE ANYTHING

*Hymn

No. 358

For All the Saints

*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[†] 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

[†] "catholic" -- universal