

The Lord's Service

September 30, 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 *omnipresent* God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 25.1

LEADER: O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You;

PEOPLE: **I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

*Hymn

No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
based on Psalm 103

*Invocation

Elder John Wykoff

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Exodus 20.2, 8-11

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

PEOPLE: **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.**

LEADER: On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or you female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

PEOPLE: **For in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.**

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.

Assurance of Pardon

John 1.12-13

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

“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn

No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Readings

Elder Todd Gaither

Isaiah 60.1-5 (p. 619)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,
That we may behold Thee walking beside us in our sorrow.

Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant!
For through its portals we enter into the presence of the Living God.

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,
That we may see to follow Thee, Jesus our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

(Macfarlane, 1928 G. Schirmer)

*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

O Church, Arise

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
 3. Come, see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give_ grace for ev - ery hur -

tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has giv -
 tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
 en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
 dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -

en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
 or. When faced with trials on ev - ery side, we know the out - come is se -
 en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the
 ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues till the day ev - ery eye and heart shall see Him.
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

Scripture Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3 (p. 990)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

IN THE CHURCH, FIRST

*Hymn

No. 7

From All That Dwell below the Skies

based on Psalm 117

*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