

The Lord's Service

October 14, 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 *infinite* God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to Him Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: **Behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.**

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over Israel, and Whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel

PEOPLE: **He is the one Who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!**

*Hymn

No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation

Elder Mike Walker

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

LEADER: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

PEOPLE: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.

We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.

**We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God,
in Your loving-kindness.**

**In Your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from Your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of Your salvation
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn

No. 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Readings

Elder Jason Brown

2 Samuel 7.12-17 (p. 259)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Gentle Voice

Rebecca James, violin

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.
"Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to Me. I will give you rest.

Bring your fear and bring your pain.

Bring your anger and bring your worry."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so meek and mild; gentle words of understanding.

"You are My beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest.

Bring your grief and bring your cares.

Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrow."

Do you hear the voice of Jesus, gently calling, "Come unto Me"?

Gentle voice, so full of love. Gentle words so rich in mercy.

"You are My beloved child. Come to Me. I will give you rest."

(Dengler, 2006 Harold Flammer 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 Bennett

*Hymn

No. 565

All for Jesus!

Scripture Lesson

Romans 1.1-7 (p. 939)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

GOSPEL, IN BRIEF

*Hymn

No. 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*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. 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

Postlude

[†] "catholic" -- universal