

The Lord's Service

November 18, 2018

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

You Have Been Good

O Lord, You have been good,
You have been faithful to all generations;
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed;
And by Your Spirit we have been led.

O Lord, Almighty God, Father unchanging, upright and holy;
O Lord, You have been good,
You have been faithful. You have been good.
You have been faithful. You have been good.

(1988 Ariose Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the faithful 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 to me a fortress and a
refuge in the day of my distress.**

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

PEOPLE: **For You, O God, are my fortress, the God
Who shows me steadfast love.**

*Hymn

No. 363

We Gather Together

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Exodus 20.2-11, 2

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 vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

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

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

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

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 neighbor 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.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 6.1-3

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

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

My Heart Is Filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him Who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him Who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take.
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him Who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

(2003 Thankyou Music)

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder Todd Smith

Jeremiah 17.1-13 (p. 645)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Pilgrims Hymn

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God.
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You.
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen.

(1997 Paulus Publications)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Bennett

*Hymn

No. 98

Now Thank We All Our God

Scripture Lesson

Romans 2.1-11 (p. 940)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

NO EXCUSE?

*Hymn

No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

*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