

The Lord's Service

March 17, 2019

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

Prelude

*Song of Praise and Greeting

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Father in heaven, how we love You; we lift Your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty; Who was and is, and is to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty; Who reigns forevermore.
(1984 Scripture in Song)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the infinite God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 148.1-5

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the
heavens; praise Him in the heights!

PEOPLE: **Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all
His hosts!**

LEADER: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you
shining stars!

PEOPLE: **Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you
waters above the heavens!**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **For He commanded and they were created.**

God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

Romans 12.1-2

LEADER: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

PEOPLE: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Choral Call to Confession

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

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God,
we acknowledge and confess before You our many
Sins.**

**We have transgressed Your holy laws;
we have neglected Your Word;
we have walked in our own ways
and fulfilled the desires of our own hearts.**

**We have injured others, hurt our own souls,
and grieved Your Holy Spirit.**

**Gracious God,
Who pardons all that repent and believe Your Gospel;
show Your mercy upon us,
and for the sake of Your beloved Son,
our only Mediator, forgive us of our sins.
Increase in us the grace of repentance,
that we may not only confess our sins,
but forsake them with our whole heart,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 9.13-14

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!**

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder Jon Harris

Genesis 4.1-7 (p. 3)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Recognition of New Members

Sacrament of Baptism

Jay Brian Schoonmaker

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Choir

Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast;
Like a child that is quieted is my soul.
O Israel, O hope in the Lord from this time,
From this time forth and forevermore.
(Van, 2007 Birnamwood Publications)

*Doxology

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Scripture Lesson

Romans 6.1-14 (p. 942)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

SIN ANSWERED

*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
scl - ish 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.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Belgic Confession, 24

We believe that this true faith
being wrought in man
by the hearing of the Word of God,
and the operation of the Holy Spirit,
does regenerate and make him a new man,
causing him to live a new life,
and freeing him from the bondage of sin.
... It is impossible that this holy faith
can be unfruitful in man,
for we do not speak of a vain faith,
but of such a faith that is called in Scripture,
a faith that works by love,
which excites man to the practice of those works
which God has commended in His Word.

*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

Pastor Jones

Postlude