

Order of Worship

February 23rd, 2020

“Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God.”

Eugene Peterson

“Words and music did for me what solid, even rigorous religious argument could never do, they introduced me to God, not belief in God, more an experiential sense of God.”

Bono

“Hymns are not only powerful, they sneak into our soul. As William Cowper sings, ‘Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings.’ William Cowper was well aware of the power of hymns, as he wrote in a letter to a friend, ‘It is a noble thing to be a poet. It makes all the world so lively. I might have preached more sermons than even Tillotson did and better, and the world would have been still fast asleep. But a volume of verse is a fiddle that puts the universe in motion.’ Hymns have this ability to sneak in undetected and surprise us! And we desperately need the truth of the mercy of God to break through, to reform us, to restore our sanity, to open our eyes to help us see Jesus as beautiful and believable—in short, to shape us as a people of God.”

Kevin Twit

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

O Worship the King

Call to Worship

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love you as we should.

We forget our dependence on you and do not honor you.

Instead of glorifying you, we try to bring ourselves glory.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We do not love others as we should.

We hurry through our days and miss opportunities to be your hands and feet.

We judge quickly and respond thoughtlessly.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We are weighed down by the bad things that are done to us.

We hold grudges, harbor bad feelings, and believe lies told about us.

Lamb of God, we are burdened:

We are overwhelmed by our sin and the sins of others.

Man of sorrows, you know our pain and suffering.

By your wounds we are healed.

Take our burdens, we pray, and free us from the sin that so easily entangles. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Covenant of Baptism

George Raymond "Gray" Aldhizer V
Ellis Elizabeth Aldhizer

Jesus Loves You

Jesus loves you this we know; for the Bible tells us so
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves you; Yes Jesus loves you; Yes Jesus loves you
The Bible tells us so

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Children ages 3-5 are dismissed to their worship class.

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Ned Erickson

Offering and Doxology

To Christ the Lord, Let Every Tongue

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

"Singing Salvation"

David Speakman

1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day:

2 "That the leaders took the lead in Israel,
that the people offered themselves willingly,
bless the LORD!

3 "Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes;
to the LORD I will sing;
I will make melody to the LORD, the God of Israel.

10 "Tell of it, you who ride on white donkeys,
you who sit on rich carpets
and you who walk by the way.

11 To the sound of musicians at the watering places,
there they repeat the righteous triumphs of the LORD,
the righteous triumphs of his villagers in Israel.

19 “The kings came, they fought;
 then fought the kings of Canaan,
 at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo;
 they got no spoils of silver.
 20 From heaven the stars fought,
 from their courses they fought against Sisera.
 21 The torrent Kishon swept them away,
 the ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon.
 March on, my soul, with might!
 22 “Then loud beat the horses’ hoofs
 with the galloping, galloping of his steeds.

24 “Most blessed of women be Jael,
 the wife of Heber the Kenite,
 of tent-dwelling women most blessed.
 25 He asked for water and she gave him milk;
 she brought him curds in a noble’s bowl.
 26 She sent her hand to the tent peg
 and her right hand to the workmen’s mallet;
 she struck Sisera;
 she crushed his head;
 she shattered and pierced his temple.
 27 Between her feet
 he sank, he fell, he lay still;
 between her feet
 he sank, he fell;
 where he sank,
 there he fell—dead.
 28 “Out of the window she peered,
 the mother of Sisera wailed through the lattice:
 ‘Why is his chariot so long in coming?
 Why tarry the hoofbeats of his chariots?’
 29 Her wisest princesses answer,
 indeed, she answers herself,
 30 ‘Have they not found and divided the spoil?—
 A womb or two for every man;
 spoil of dyed materials for Sisera,
 spoil of dyed materials embroidered,
 two pieces of dyed work embroidered for the neck as spoil?’
 31 “So may all your enemies perish, O LORD!
 But your friends be like the sun as he rises in his might.”
 And the land had rest for forty years.

Judges 5: 1-3; 10-11a; 19-22; 24-31

Children return to join their families

FEASTING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Supper Instructions

- The Lord's Supper is open to anyone who is trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection alone for his or her redemption.
- People come forward from the back rows first to receive the elements.
- White grape juice in cups and gluten-free crackers are available at the left and right stations.
- At the middle station, you may receive from the common loaf and cup. We follow the practice of intinction where you dip the bread in the wine.
- If you need prayer, there is a group (including elders) available to pray for anyone in need of prayer in the kitchen. There is also a group of women in the room next to the Connections kiosk who can pray for women. The Lord's Supper is available in both prayer rooms.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Spirit of the Living God

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Lead on O King Eternal

Benediction

"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26