



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Carl Gotthelf Glaser
Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin, he sets the pris’ner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv’n;
By saints below, and saints above, the Church in earth and heav’n.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Triune God calls his church to worship him

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins,
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
 Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,
 And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.
 Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
 And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
 Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.
 Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
 Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

When this poor lispng stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
 Then in a nobler sweeter song I’ll sing thy power to save.
 I’ll sing thy power to save, I’ll sing thy power to save;
 Then in a nobler sweeter song I’ll sing thy power to save.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and beseech your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you by a new godly life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord’s declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God’s Law

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 107:1–18

Stephanie Zemanek

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, or his wondrous works to the children of man! For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Colossians 1:1–2

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word

SERMON

“The Incomparable Christ”
1st in the series, “Christ Preeminent”

Dr. Robert Norris

RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Brooke Norsworthy, Eleanor Henrietta Hull
Grant Norsworthy, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Robbie Seay Band
arr. Mac Meador

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee; Savior, pilot me.
Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of thee; Savior, pilot me.
As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.
When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy chest,
May I hear thee say to me, “I will pilot thee.”

BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

*We welcome children in our worship service this evening.
Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.
A live feed of the service is available as you care for your children.
If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.
As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

“Paradise Gained”

Genesis 2:4–25

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

“We Thank God”

Colossians 1:3–8

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.