

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Charles Wesley, Felice de Giardini

arr. Adam Kunsberg

Come thou, almighty King, help us thy name to sing.
Help us to praise, Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend, come and thy people bless,
And give thy word success, spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear.
In this glad hour, thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great one in three, eternal praises be.
Hence evermore, thy sov'reign majesty,
May we in glory see, and to eternity,
Love and adore.

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

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
 She is his new creation, by water and the Word.
 From heaven, he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
 With his own blood, he bought her and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

’Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.
 Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.
 Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up how long,
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Merciful Father, we do not come to this table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold mercies and grace. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs from underneath it; yet you have invited us to this table, and opened it up for us, by giving us your beloved Son. Father, thank you for our Savior, who suffered upon the cross for our redemption, and who there made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and satisfaction for our every sin.

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 89:1–8

Jeremy Williams

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness. You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you?

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“In Christ Alone”

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In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev’ry sin, on him was laid—here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am his, and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Colossians 1:24–2:5

page 983, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON

“To Make Known”
6th in the series, “Christ Preeminent”

Rev. Corey Gray

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Grace Greater Than All Our Sin”

Julia H. Johnston, Daniel B. Towner

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the seawaves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide what can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide. Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive?

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION OF FAITH—THE 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; ed 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Majesty”

Jack Hayford

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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, FEBRUARY 18

MORNING SERVICE

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

“Recreation”

Genesis 9:1-17

Dr. Todd Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

“Moving Forward”

Colossians 2:6-7

Dr. Robert Norris

*Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
will be celebrated.*

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