

Celebration of Worship

January 17, 2016

Prelude

The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.

Praise

Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Lord of all power and might, who is the Author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

~from the Book of Common Prayer

Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

People: *Sing out the honor of His Name; Make His praise glorious.*

Pastor: Say to God, "All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You;

People: *They shall sing praises to Your Name."*

*Worship in Song

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Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

*Invocation and Adoration (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us

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this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Corporate Confession of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism

PART I: HUMAN MISERY - LORD'S DAY 2

3 Q. HOW DO YOU COME TO KNOW YOUR MISERY?

A. The law of God tells me.

4 Q. WHAT DOES GOD'S LAW REQUIRE OF US?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

5 Q. CAN YOU LIVE UP TO ALL THIS PERFECTLY?

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

***Worship in Song**

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,

Poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting,
Love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting,
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Renewal

Public Reading of Scripture Genesis 24:29-41

Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring.³⁰ As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, "Thus the man spoke to me," he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.³¹ He said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."³² So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw

and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.³³ Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." He said, "Speak on."³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys.³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has.³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell,³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.'³⁹ I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.'⁴⁰ But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father's house.⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Public Confession of Sin

All: Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins; and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our works; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and our willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and praise You

in newness of life through the finished work of our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. ~ 1 Peter 2.24-25

Song of Assurance

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Testimony of God's Work

Pastoral Prayer

Commitment

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

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

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

Scripture Reading:

Titus 3:3-8

Preaching of the Word

Remember Your Salvation

*** Closing Hymn**

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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

***Benediction**

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

***Dismissal**

Postlude

* Indicates please stand if able.

Memory Verse of the week:

“Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” -Psalm 118:5-6