



# Celebration of Worship

January 24, 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.*

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Praise

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### Call to Worship

### from 1 Chronicles 29

Pastor: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**All:** *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.*

Pastor: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

**All:** *Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.*

Pastor: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**All:**            ***Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.***

**\*Worship in Song**

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***Open Now, Thy Gates of Beauty***

**\*Invocation and Adoration**

*The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.*

**\*Corporate Confession of Faith**

**Heidelberg Catechism: LORD'S DAY 3**

**6 Q. DID GOD CREATE PEOPLE SO WICKED AND PERVERSE?**

A. No. God created them good<sup>1</sup> and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with him in eternal happiness for his praise and glory.

**7 Q. THEN WHERE DOES THIS CORRUPT HUMAN NATURE COME FROM?**

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are born sinners corrupt from conception on.

**8 Q. BUT ARE WE SO CORRUPT THAT WE ARE TOTALLY UNABLE TO DO ANY GOOD AND INCLINED TOWARD ALL EVIL?**

A. Yes, unless we are born again, by the Spirit of God.

**\*Worship in Song**

***How High And How Wide***

No eye has seen  
And no ear has heard  
And no mind has ever conceived  
The glorious things

\* Indicates please stand if able

That You have prepared for ev'ryone  
Who has believed  
You brought us near  
And You called us Your own  
And made us joint heirs  
With Your Son

**Chorus:**

**How high and how wide  
How deep and how long  
How sweet and how strong  
Is Your love  
How lavish Your grace  
How faithful Your ways  
How great is Your love O Lord**

Objects of mercy  
Who should have known wrath  
We're filled with unspeakable joy  
Riches of wisdom unsearchable wealth  
And the wonder of knowing Your voice  
You are our treasure  
And our great reward  
Our hope and our glorious King

**Chorus**

**How high and how wide  
How deep and how long  
How sweet and how strong  
Is Your love  
How lavish Your grace  
How faithful Your ways  
How great is Your love O Lord**

***I Will Enter His Gates***

I will enter His gates  
with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day  
that the Lord has made,"  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
(chorus)  
He has made me glad,  
He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice, for He has made me glad.

### ***We Bow Down***

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea.  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,  
And Lord of all lords You will be!

(chorus)

**We bow down and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.  
We bow down and we worship You, Lord,  
Lord of all lords You will be!**

You are King of creation and King of my life,  
King of the land and the sea.  
You were King of the heavens before there was time,  
And King of all kings You will be!

(chorus)

**We bow down and we crown You the King.  
We bow down and we crown You the King.  
We bow down and we crown You the King.**

## King of all kings You will be.

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### Public Reading of Scripture      Genesis 24:42-49

"I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, <sup>43</sup> behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' <sup>45</sup> "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup> She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup> Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup> Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

Leader:      This is the Word of the Lord!

**All:**      *Thanks be to God.*

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## Renewal

**Public Confession of Sin**      (*all pray silently as leader prays*)

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**

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ~2 Co. 5.21*

## **Testimony of God's Work**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **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**

## **Commitment**

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 1:9-18

### **Preaching of the Word**

*Biblical Governance*

### **\* Closing Hymn**

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*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It*

### **\*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.

## **Postlude**

\* Indicates please stand if able.

Memory Verse of the Week:

Matthew 7:12 <sup>12</sup> “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.