



ORDER OF WORSHIP
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CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 68:19

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation." *Selah*

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS

J. Hart | M. S. Smith

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power
He is able, He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

K. Getty

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you, / As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy, / Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, / The humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him, / Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

chorus

*King of Heaven / we will answer the call
We will follow / bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion / filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion, / In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness, / And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

CONFESSION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

JONATHAN MCCLURE

Lord, we confess that we so often think and boast that we have earned everything we have, yet we know this is not true. We confess that we do not give you praise nor acknowledge your kind provision of all things. Forgive us, we pray. Father, we confess that we would rather be seen by others as wise than as foolish. We confess that comfort and fear prevent us from serving you in sharing your Gospel with those who need it. We would rather be honored than dishonored, blessed than cursed, and take revenge than act kindly. Forgive us, we pray. God, help us to serve you with all that we are and all that we have. Grant us the kindness of repentance and give us faith through Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOEL 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

H. Spafford | P. Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way / When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say / It is well, it is well with my soul

chorus

It is well (women echo)

With my soul (women echo)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come / Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate / And has shed his own blood for my soul

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought / My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more / Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! O my soul

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight / The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend / Even so, It is well with my soul

SONG OF PREPARATION

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

J. Kauffman, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Merker

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

Final chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death. Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ALEX PARMAN

Heavenly Father, we praise you for today. Even while we are not gathered together, we thank you for technology that we can have Sunday School, and that our kids can hear your Word in their Sunday School. We thank you for Justin and Heather for their work in putting this digital service together.

Father, while we are not together as a church and much has changed in many of our lives, you are still here. You are still the same amazing God who created the world. You are still the same God who made us in your image. The same God who created a promise and a covenant that we still cling to. The same God who gave us his one and only Son, who lived a perfect life and died a perfect death

so that we could be freed from our sins. Finally, you are the same God who gave us your love letter, your perfect, living and active Word, so that we can learn more about you. Father, thank you for your plan. We also thank you for the blessings you have given to us: children, friendships, family, food, shelter, animals, and flowers. Your creation is beautiful and we thank you for it.

Father I do need to confess that during this time I have been fretful, fearful, anxious, and often times lazy. I have been short tempered and impatient with my family. The future is uncertain and I am tired of sitting in my house not being able to see the people I want to see or do the things I want to do. Instead of asking you for help or being still and listening, or even truly asking you how you are trying to work in my life, I prefer to complain, binge watch Netflix, get mad when something else at my house gets broken, or covet that other people have bigger houses and nicer things than I do. Father, I confess these things to you as I know you are the only one who can help me with these sins that consume me. Like Paul in Romans 7, "the things I want to do I do not do, and the things I do not want to do I continue to do. Wretched man that I am, who can save me from this body of death?"

Father we all need your help. We all need a savior. Thank you for providing that savior. Thank you that because of what he has done, we can sit at your table as adopted sons and daughter. Because of him and the Holy Spirit, we can fight sin and temptation. Father, help all of us weak sinners this week. Help us to fight the temptation to sin. Help us by giving us more of you and the things you love. Help us to be quick to repent; help us to be slow to anger; help us to be quick to forgive. Stop our tongues from speaking hate and instead give us an outpouring of grace. Help us to put our phones down this week and pick up our kids; help us to feast on your word. Help us to restart personal and family prayer times. Let us "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Father, there are people within our church and the community around us who are hurting. They have lost loved ones as a result of this virus; they have lost jobs because of this. There are people who are working directly on the front lines and being tested physically and emotionally. This virus has caused more anxiety, worry and depression. Father we ask that you insert yourself into each one of these situations. Use your church how you see fit to help. Use this virus as a means to increase your kingdom for your glory. Father, we are looking forward to being back together, to have church lunch, to hug our church family, and to partake in the sacraments. While we look forward to this day, how much more are we looking forward to the day when you come back. Every knee will bow, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. There will be no more sickness or death. You will wipe away every tear from every eye and restore all things! How marvelous will that day be. Come quickly Lord Jesus.

Father, we now pray as Tyler bring us your words from Luke 11. We want so much to hear from you. Not just with our ears, but with our hearts. Please remove the distractions that plague us. Please give us your Spirit: the Spirit alone that can open hearts and enlighten minds. The Spirit alone that can take your words on a divine errand in our hearts and portion out to us the specific measure of grace and instruction that we need. We are dependent wholly on Him. Come and communicate to us your will and your wishes. Most of all, show us Jesus, for apart from him we can do nothing. It is in his precious name, the name above all other names, the name of Jesus, the seed who crushed the serpent's head, the Alpha and the Omega, amen.



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS"
LUKE 11: 45-54

I. THE GIFT OF EXPOSURE

II. THE GIFT OF EVERYTHING

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) When was a time you felt deeply insulted by Jesus?
- 2) Tell your kids (or your spouse, or a friend) about a time you were truly exposed, and you chose to accept exposure as a gift.
- 3) What would it look like for you to abandon your 'self-justification' projects?
- 4) What would it look like for you to RECEIVE gifts from God in the next 7-10 days?

SONG OF RESPONSE

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

J. Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own; a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ / Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be, my only boast is You

BENEDICTION

ISAIAH 30:18

"The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him."

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