



**EAST
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CLING
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 66:10-11

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.”

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

R. Robinson | J. Wyeth

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 Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've 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 Thy goodness, 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

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q4:What does God's Law require of us?

A: Christ teaches us this summary in Matthew 22: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BRANDON HAWKES

Father, I confess that I have not committed myself to You with all of my heart, soul, and mind. I confess that I have withheld parts of my life from You, instead of submitting to your lordship in everything I do. Please forgive us and teach us the JOY that comes from 100% submission to You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

HIS MERCY IS MORE
M. Boswell | M. Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

chorus

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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

MIKE SCHNEE

O, Gracious Father,

Your beauty, work, perfection, and glory are seen in creation all around us, and even in what we cannot see! You are ever-present and ever faithful. You give us the breath we breathe and the steps we take. You give us joy, patience, gentleness, hope. You allow us to delight and rest in you and all you give us as a reflection of you, and all you've promised to give us in eternity. We love you, God, and long to be in your presence!

Despite all that, we want what we think is better and more fulfilling, yet ends up being temporary and leaves us feeling empty. We are greedy and selfish people. We store up and hoard what YOU have given us because we lack trust and obedience to your promises and commands. We shut our doors to the sojourner or refuse to give what we have graciously been given, whether it be everyday items or love to our neighbors. We consistently look to the world for answers and guidance, and neglect to look to your Word each day and rely on the Spirit of truth. We grab our devices and cling to our idols before we pick up a Bible or clasp our hands in prayer. Father, I am guilty of all of this.

BUT, you still love us! You sent Jesus to die for us. You hold us in your hands and shower us with your grace. As David says in Psalm 23, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me...." Thank you, Father, for this truth, for this comfort! Thank you for all the ways you provide and carry us through times of great trial and give us rest.

As we approach the sermon, Father, give us humility and allow us to hear your word preached. Remove the distractions from our listening to the recording in our own settings that have plenty of distractions - help us to set aside this brief moment to worship you. We thank you, Lord, for the possibility of our own church building! Help us as a church to stick to the biblical truths you have established our church upon these past 6 years, and to be able to carry on with that vision and purpose, no matter where we worship. As we go through our days, Father, help us to love one another and rest in your love for us. Reveal to us those in our midst who need assistance and compel us to give it with joy. I pray for those who are sick and in need today, Father; for those who are suffering with Covid-19. I lift up Ben Albright and his family to you now, Lord, as they grieve the loss of his aunt, and for many others grieving the loss of loved ones in this time. While we grieve the losses of life, guide us through grieving well for the loss of what used to be normal to us - when this quarantine life ends and we come back together to worship, it will be different. Please also guide us through determining how to come back together safely and with spirit and truth. I ask, O King, for this virus to STOP, for our relationships to be restored and rejuvenated, for the sick to be made well, and ultimately, for your will to be done and your glory revealed!

I pray all this in the matchless name of Christ. Amen!



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"WHAT REALLY MATTERS?"
LUKE 12: 13-21

I. WHAT CONCERNS US

II. HOW WE COMMUNICATE

III. HOW JESUS COMMUNICATES

IV. WHAT CONCERNS JESUS

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How can you presently relate to this man in Luke 12:13 who's demanding that Jesus take his side in the dispute with his brother?
- 2) Rather than being convinced that your concerns are valid, how might you cultivate curiosity instead?
- 3) How have the parables of Jesus significantly impacted your life?
- 4) What's one thing you see and say, "Mine!"?
- 5) How will you destroy your unhealthy sense of ownership this week and strive to be a steward instead?

SONG OF RESPONSE

JESUS PAID IT ALL

A. Nifong | E.M. Hall | J.T. Grape

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

chorus

*'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

BENEDICTION

ISAIAH 66: 12-13

“For thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.’”

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