



ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 2:6-7, 13-14

Leader: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

People: Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Leader: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him.

People: Having forgiven all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

Leader: This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

SONG OF INVOCATION

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice:

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne! Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare! Come let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!
Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!) (4X)

Chorus 2X

PRAYER OF ADORATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 2:1-10

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our gracious Savior, we confess the many ways we live for ourselves, rather than for you, even when for our sake you died and were raised. We are drawn to what is beautiful in this world, though the present form of this world is passing away. While you came not to be esteemed in appearance, we quickly judge others according to the flesh. Give us eyes to see as you see, that we might look upon others with grace and truth. And by your Spirit, increase our longing for the new creation, begun in Christ's resurrection, that we might live for your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him, who showed great love
And bled for us;
Freely You bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death;
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead,
We are one with Him again;
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave!

2. Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign,
Forever let Your church proclaim:
Chorus

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ is Risen

Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
The glory of God has defeated the night.
O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
Our God is not dead;
He's alive! He's alive!
Chorus 2X

*Authors: Matt Maher / Mia Fieldes
© 2009 SHOUT! Music Publishing*

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship during the last stanza. Visitors' children are welcome.

Today's volunteers: Susan Burch, Sarabeth Kapusta, Kacie Pantana

1. Christ the true and better Adam,
Son of God, and Son of man;
Who, when tempted in the garden,
Never yielded, never sinned.
He who makes the many righteous,
Brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head.

2. Christ the true and better Isaac,
Humble son of sacrifice;
Who would climb the fearful mountain,
There to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar,
Father's joy and only son;
There salvation was provided.
Oh what full and boundless love.

Chorus

Amen, amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

3. Christ the true and better Moses,
Called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers,
God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven,
See the waters part in two;
See the veil is torn forever.
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.
Chorus

4. Christ the true and better David,
Lowly shepherd, mighty King;
He the champion in the battle,
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered,
Crown Him Lord of majesty;
His shall be the throne forever.
We shall e'er His people be.
Chorus (2x)

Christ the story, His the glory,
Alleluia, amen.

*Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, and Matt Papa
© 2020 Getty Music Publishing (BMI), Messenger Hymns (BMI, Getty Music
Hymns and Songs (ASCAP), and Love Your Enemies Publishing (ASCAP)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

¹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMON “The God Who Crowns”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. Oh Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!
Refrain

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

How Great Thou Art

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, “my God, how great Thou art!”
Refrain 2x

*Authors: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine
© Copyright 1949 and 1953 Stuart Hine Trust*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole,
That wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave;
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Authors: George Job Elvey & Matthew Bridges

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CCLI LICENSE #11042946

Bryan Rigg, Pastor • 434-907-0711 (m) • bryan@mercypres.org
101 D Northwynd Cir., Lynchburg, VA 24502 • Website: www.mercypres.org