
ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 4, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 3:15-17

Leader: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

People: **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Leader: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen,
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

(Bridge)
Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!

4. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION & 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 this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekial 36:24-36

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. ³² It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

³³ "Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵ And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' ³⁶ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the Lord; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

Abide with Me

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 8:31-34

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:9-11

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

SERMON “An Unfair Fight” - Samuel Hix

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 4, 2024 | Samuel Hix
“An Unfair Fight” | Romans 8:9-11

I. The Spirit as Covenant Assurance

II. The Spirit as Assurance of Life

III. The Spirit as Assurance of Victory

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, the fruit of your Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Yet our flesh continues to strive against your Spirit. We find in ourselves hatred, bitterness, strife, and anxiety. We are impatient, impulsive, and callous. We confess that these keep us from you, and drive us from one another. Forgive us for resisting your Spirit. Renew us that we might reflect your grace, as those gathered together through your Son. In his name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus, I Come

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured, boundless free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To Thy glorious rest above.

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee.

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Nothing But the Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my cleansing this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus 2X

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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!