



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 2024

When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:13-18

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

People: **In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth ... —all things were created through him and for him.**

Leader: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: **And he is the head of the body, the church.**

All: **He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most Holy, Most glorious,
The Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

Your Great Name We Praise

3. All life comes from You, Lord,
To both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish but You never fail!
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!
Chorus 2X

Original lyrics by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867.

Original melody traditional Welsh hymn.

Alternate and new lyrics and new music by Bob Kauflin.

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¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?

⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.

⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.

⁶The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.

⁷All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.

⁸All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us.

¹¹There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from The Valley of Vision

I am a shell full of dust, but animated with an invisible rational soul and made anew by an unseen power of grace; Yet I am no rare object of valuable price, but one that has nothing and is nothing, although chosen of thee from eternity, Given to Christ, and born again; I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of a sinful state, of the vanity of creatures, but also of the sufficiency of Christ. Convince me that I cannot be my own God, or make myself happy, nor my own Christ to restore my joy, nor my own Spirit to teach, guide, rule me. Then take me to the cross and leave me there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

The Power of the Cross

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary;
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head;
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished," the vict'ry cry!
Chorus

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For, through Your suff'ring, I am free;
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus 1

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Chorus 2 (2x)

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us;
What a love, what a cost!
We stand, forgiven, at the cross.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

[8:30am Service] Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship following the prayer.

Visitors' children are welcome. Children return to the service following the sermon.

Today's volunteers: Malerie Huguley, Catalina Lowers, Nora Misiano

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 8:20-25

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

SERMON “Subjected to Futility” - Rev. Bryan Rigg

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 25, 2024 | Bryan Rigg
“Subjected to Futility” | Romans 8:20-25

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.
2. All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land.

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On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore.
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.
Chorus
4. When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

Chorus 2

We are bound (women echo)
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land,
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land.

SONG OF RESPONSE

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave!
2. All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak,
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world!

Chorus

Let there be dancing in the darkness,
And let our song break through the night.
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,
For Jesus is Alive!

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free.
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!
Chorus

Jesus is Alive

Bridge (2x)

Hallelujah, death is undone;
Hallelujah, Jesus has won;
Hallelujah, we overcome;
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

Chorus (2x)

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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!