



ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 27, 2025

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:13-16

Leader: Now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

People: **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.**

Leader: By abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

All: **And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Come Ye Sinners

1. 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.

4. 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.

2. 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.

5. 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.
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Can do helpless sinners good.

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

*Words: Joseph Hart. Music: Matthew S. Smith
2000 Detuned Radio Music (ASCAP)*

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you forgive us much and yet we have failed to love much. You call us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Instead, we confess that we find others burdens and so avoid them. Rather than maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we pass judgement on your servants, when you enable them to stand in your righteousness. Forgive our condemning hearts, our divisive imaginations, and our careless words. For Jesus' sake, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

HMYN OF ASSURANCE

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains.
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away.
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more.
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

There is a Fountain

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme
and shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring
tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 15:4-6

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

“Live with Vigilance”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

Romans 13:11-14

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¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SERMON NOTES

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give;
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior he will stay;
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price- it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
Refrain

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Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete still my lips shall
repeat:
"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me."

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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

4. When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Refrain (2x)

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!

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