
ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 21, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 1:3-8

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

People: **He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

Leader: In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace.

People: **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation,
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life, He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

3. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed;
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet, she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One;
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy,
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

- ¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.
- ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be open and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we confess that we have not glorified you, but instead act as though we ourselves are gods. Rather than joyfully serving you, we seek our own glory and live for what brings us pleasure. Yet we have not found freedom, and we are not fulfilled. Instead we have become slaves to our own desires and live under their demands. In your grace and might, through Christ our Savior, deliver us, we pray! Renew our hearts to love what you love, to delight where you delight, and to enjoy you forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

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3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 8:1-4

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

SERMON "No Condemnation" – *What? Who? When? How? Why?* - Ruling Elder Rusty Smith

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, July 21, 2024 | Rusty Smith
"No Condemnation" – *What? Who? When? How? Why?* | Romans 8:1-4

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds, which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

SENDING SONG

1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?
Chorus

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!

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection!
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

3. Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore!
Chorus (2x)

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

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