
prelude

BROOKE LEWIS

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

The Beautiful City – Ira B. Wilson

For the Beauty of the Earth – Conrad Kocher, arranged by Margaret Goldston

preparing our hearts

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

– Psalm 18:12 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

All: **And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,**

Leader: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,

All: **“Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

– Revelation 1:5b-6, 8 ESV

Leader: By his grace and in his strength, worship him, all of you.

** Please stand if you are able

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice.
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend. To us he'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Father in heaven, thank you that you have spoken salvation over your people and have delivered us from the bondage of sin. Free our lips to praise you, our hands to serve you, and our hearts to love you, for you are our life and breath. Visit us today with the knowledge of your grace in Christ, your Son, whom you sent for our sake, and through the strength of your Holy Spirit, who counsels us to trust in you. According to your saving work in Jesus Christ, Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

REFORMATION SONG

Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found and every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to you; we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name. *

* *Chorus:*

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone; gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we're justified; his righteousness is all our plea;
Your law's demands are satisfied; his perfect work has set us free. *

By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by your pow'r have been made new. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: ...[W]e do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: My Father,
When you are angry toward me for my wrongs,
I try to pacify you by abstaining from future sin;
But teach me that I cannot satisfy your law –
That this effort is resting in my own righteousness;
That only Christ’s righteousness is fit for that purpose;
That I fall short of the purity you require;
Because in thinking I am already holy, I do not seek holiness,
Or believing I am unable, I do nothing at all.
Humble me for not being as holy as I should be,
Or as holy as I might be through Christ;
For you are everything, and to have you is to have everything.**

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “Reliance”

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: 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. 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. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

– Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV

All: Thanks be to God!

DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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As Epiphany celebrates the revelation of salvation in Christ, the secondary texts throughout this season will be from Matthew's account of Jesus' early life and ministry.

Leader: Matthew 3:1-12
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your preschool children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

When instructed, greet those around you, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you." When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God's Word.

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Series | “The Songs of Jesus – Praying the Psalms”

Sermon | “When You Need Confidence”

Psalm 27 ESV

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you,

"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

9 Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path

because of my enemies.

12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

14 Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the LORD!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. Our Need for Confidence
2. Our Source of Confidence
3. Our Reason for Confidence

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that...you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

– Philippians 1:27-28_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will reflect during the passing of the bread and sing the printed hymn during the passing of the cup.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Thank you, Father, for making Christ known to us in the bread that is broken and the cup that is filled. May this meal now enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. May this witness to Christ’s death draw others into fellowship with him so that all your children will be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the bread is distributed, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

As the cup is distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

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.

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.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids 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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MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

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. *

* *Chorus:*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.

All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every rough and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *

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. *

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *

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announcements

Please note the announcements found on Pages 17-20 of your bulletin.

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**