
prelude

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

This Is My Father's World – Franklin L. Sheppard, arranged by Cindy Berry
Rejoice, the Lord Is King – John Darwall, arranged by Cindy Berry

preparing our hearts

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

– Romans 12:1-2 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: We will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, we will remember your wonders of old.

All: We will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

All: You are the God who works wonders;

Leader: You have made known your might among the peoples.

All: You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

– Adapted from Psalm 77:11-15 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Heavenly Father, according to your mighty word, all the heavens and the earth and all that is in them were made. By that same word and might you, declared to us all your will and your way of salvation, and you have called us your people. As we come to worship your might and hear your word, remind us of your abounding grace to us in Christ and your continued power to us through the Holy Spirit. In your Holy Name – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we pray, 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

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

** Chorus:*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me –

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness I will keep on singing –

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *

And on that day when my strength is failing;

The end draws near, and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing your praise unending –

Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

– Psalm 25:6-7 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Lord and Creator, we praise you that in you there is abundant mercy.
We remember that your grace is sufficient for us,
That your wonderful works of salvation have gone before us,
For we are weak and sinful and needy.
Forgive us our sins of commission and sins of omission.
Forgive us the sins that are evident in our conduct,
In our words, and in our choices.
Forgive us the sins we entertain inwardly, harbor, and allow to fester.
Forgive us for our lack of love for you and for our neighbor.
Remember your covenant and help us remember your Son.
For in Christ, you have demonstrated your righteousness and your faithfulness,
And you have made us new.
Grant that we might live according to Jesus' life in us,
Living lives of obedience and love and unto your glory.
In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

– 1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

All: Thanks be to God!

THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
His erring child he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *

** Chorus:*

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure, the saints' and angels' song.

When age-old time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race – the saints' and angels' song. *

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scripture reading

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 5:1-11
 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.**

the sacrament of baptism

Candidate for baptism | Theodore George Ferguson

Matthew 28:18-20 ^{ESV} | And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Romans 6:4-5 ^{ESV} | We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF AN INFANT

1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION **

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Welcome this new covenant child by singing:

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. *

** Chorus:*

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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** passing the peace

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.

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

Sermon | “When You Forget”

February 23, 2020

Psalm 103 ESV

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
- 6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions
from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who
fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- 17 But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children’s children,
- 18 to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- 19 The LORD has established his throne in the
heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
- 21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
- 22 Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

1. Remember what you know
2. Remember how you know
3. Remember what you do

**** gospel charge**

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

All: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

– James 1:22-25 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.

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus (2x):

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

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JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole. *

** Chorus:*

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins. *

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *

Jesus! I do now receive him. More than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *

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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.**