

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 27, 2019

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

**Romans 1:16-17**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

## Greeting and Blessing\*

## Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 149 (p. 840)

## Hymn of Preparation\*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn 92

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All:** We confess that though you have been faithful, we have been unfaithful. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by not doing the good works that bring you glory and honor.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near, and so we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**All:** We pray this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Joel 2:18-32

## Congregational Response

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Hymn 646

## Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed* (p. 846)

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-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

## Tithes and Offerings

## Doxology\*

Hymn 731

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.

## Lord's Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

- Second Reading\*** Acts 1:1-11
- Congregational Response** (Psalm 19) “The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord” Hymn 138
- Pastoral Prayer** (based on Psalm 13)
- Sermon** Pastor Ben Muresan  
“The Baptism of the Holy Spirit”  
John 1:30-34
- Celebration of the Lord’s Supper** “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” Hymn 253

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

- Hymn of Thanksgiving\*** “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” Hymn 335
- Benediction\***
- Congregational Benediction Response\*** “May the Peace of God”
- May the peace of God, our heav’nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
- REFRAIN  
And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.
- May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

## EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

- Prelude**
- Greeting and Call to Worship\*** Psalm 100  
**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- All:** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
- Hymn\*** “God, in the Gospel of His Son” Hymn 141
- Congregational Confession of Sin**  
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us. Then we will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. You are God our Savior, and we will sing of your righteousness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
- Assurance of Forgiveness** Revelation 1:5-6  
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- Hymn** “Not What My Hands Have Done” Hymn 461
- Scripture Reading\*** Colossians 3:1-17
- Hymn** “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Hymn 679
- Prayer**
- Sermon** “Advancing the Gospel” Pastor Ray Call  
Colossians 4:2-6
- Hymn\*** “O Savior, Precious Savior” Hymn 159
- Benediction\***
- Congregational Benediction Response\*** “To God Be the Glory” Hymn 55

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