

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 24, 2019

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Acts 17:24-25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 2 (p. 785)

Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn 714

We Plow the Fields

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
But that which you desire now: our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love. Amen.*

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we thank you for your great mercy to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sake you made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might be clothed in righteousness.

All: We thank you also for your daily provision of food and drink. We give you praise for the bounty of your gifts and the ability that we have to diligently work with our hands.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, for taking for granted your many blessings to us. Forgive us for often desiring more than what it has pleased you to provide for us. Forgive us for our jealousy and covetousness, and for the anxiety we feel when we forget your fatherly goodness toward us.

All: As we consider your good gifts to us this morning, cause us to have a renewed thankfulness for our spiritual and earthly blessings. All praise, honor, and glory forever be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

John 1:1-28

Congregational Response

Hymn 716

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise!

By him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a song of happy love.

By him the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with his fullness
all things with large increase;
he crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls he died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

To God the gracious Father,
who made us “very good,”
to Christ, who, when we wandered,
restored us with his blood,
and to the Holy Spirit,
who doth upon us pour
his blessed dews and sunshine,
be praise forevermore. Amen.

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*

John 1:29-51

Congregational Response (Psalm 138)

Hymn 88

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
before the great thy praise I sing;
I worship in thy holy place
and praise thee for thy truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine
in thy most holy word divine.

I cried to thee and thou didst save,
thy word of grace new courage gave;
the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord,
for they have heard thy wondrous word;
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
for great and glorious are thy ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
the proud in vain thy favor seek,
but thou hast mercy for the meek;
through trouble though my pathway be,
thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm
to save me when my foes alarm;
the work thou hast for me begun
shall by thy grace be fully done;
forever mercy dwells with thee;
O Lord, my Maker, think on me. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 65:9-13)

Sermon

“Name Above All Names”
John 1

Pastor Ben Muresan

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,
“It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Amen.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 89:1-5

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

All: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Hymn*

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” Hymn 585

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our God and Father, we thank you for the mercy and grace you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of his once-for-all atonement for our sins, we may now approach you with confidence and joy as your children. We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We know what your Word commands, and yet we have failed in our obedience. Restore us to fellowship with you, that we may walk in the full assurance of your promises and in the freedom of knowing that you care for us. Forgive us all that is past, and grant that hereafter we may serve and please you in newness of life. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hymn

“In Christ Alone” (printed on other side)

Scripture Reading*

Psalm 104

Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation” Hymn 94

Prayer

Sermon

“Bless the LORD, O My Soul!”
Psalm 104

Pastor Ben Muresan

Hymn*

“O Worship the King” Hymn 2

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

“Abide with Me” Hymn 402

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IN CHRIST ALONE

E♭/B♭ No other name...given among men by which we must be saved. -Acts 4:8-12



1. In Christ a-lone, my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less Babe;
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This Cor-ner-stone, this Sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and
this gift of love and right-eous-ness scorned by the ones He came to
then burst-ing forth in glo-r'ous day, up from the grave He rose a-
from life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
save. 'Til on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-
gain. And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. *No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His



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cease! My Com-fort-er, my all-in-all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied, for-ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
me, for I am His and He is mine; bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
hand, 'til He re-turms or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



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