

Sunday Worship

Finding Favor

June 21, 2020

The Church Gathered
Together

GATHERING

Welcome Video

Prelude (Welcome Slide) - Your Will Be Done

Song credit: CityAlight

Call to Worship

God's Word in Deuteronomy 10:17-18 calls us into worship this morning. Will you stand with me to worship the Lord our God?

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.
He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.
For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great God, mighty and awesome.

Let's continue to worship our awesome God!

How Great Thou Art

V1, C, V2, C, B, Cx2

Great Are You Lord

C, V1, C, V1, C, Bx2, Cx2 - Tag " O Praise the Name" Chorus only

Profession of Faith

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20

In the early church, spiritual novices memorized and spoke creeds as a way to take in the faith and to let it grow deep inside. At their baptism, new believers would say the creed as their first statement of faith. Veteran Christians would say it together to reinforce their own belief. In that spirit, whether you're a spiritual novice or a veteran, I'd like to invite you to profess your faith with me as we say these ancient words from 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20 that were probably part of some of the church's earliest creeds:

This is the good news that we have received, In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
And appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.**

Amen.

Is He Worthy

V1, V2, C1, V3, C2, Ending

Doxology

Prayers of the People

Asher: For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives its meaning. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Eph. 3:14-19

Billy: Dear heavenly Father, on this Father's Day, it's an unparalleled joy to acknowledge that You are the Father we've always longed for and needed.

Mason: Our most loving and engaged fathers have been a wonderful hint of what it means to be Your beloved children; but they could never be to us what You alone can be. And our most broken and irresponsible fathers cannot rob our hearts of the joys we find in knowing You and crying, Abba, Father.

Daniel: Thank You for adopting us, through the finished work of Jesus. Thank You for freeing us from our slavery to sin and our orphan-like ways; and for giving us the Spirit of Sonship, a secure place in Your family, and an inheritance that can never spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. Thank You for promising to complete the work You began in us, and for always, and only, disciplining us in love, even when it hurts.

Mason: Father, thank You for grace to forgive our earthly fathers who failed us, including those who broke our trust, hurt us, and misrepresented You to us. Continue to heal us and free us from the lingering effects.

Billy: And thank You for grace to acknowledge our failings as parents, and for promising us the strength we need to humble ourselves before our children, and to trust You to write stories of redemption in our families. Please do so, Father, to Your glory.

Daniel: Lastly, Father, we thank You for the spiritual fathers You've given us—the "dads of grace" who help us discover more and more of the multi-dimensional love of Christ.

Asher: And I pray that You, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that You may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:14-19

(Adapted from a prayer by Scotty Smith)

Ministry Moment

> Tuesday Noon Prayer

> Wednesday Communion Service (addition of 7p service)

WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Acts 2:42-47. Please read the verse in bold.

[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

[43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

[44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

[45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

[46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

[47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

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TABLE

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Intro, V1, V2, C1, V3, C1, Bx2, C2, Tag

SENDING

Benediction

Closing Video (Announcements)

Grace Sac Slide
