



SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018
MISSIONS SUNDAY
Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman

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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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Triune God calls his church to worship him

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

Rev. Ron Meyer

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

*To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful—he shall reign.
Jesus shall reign.*

Where he displays his healing power,
Death and the curse are found no more:
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early praises to his name.

Chorus

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Chorus

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's Law

MISSIONS MINUTE—Anna Nedelcu

Great Commandments Ministries

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Cheerfully responding to God's generosity with the giving of our resources.

Doug Smoot

OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Bells of the Trinity and Ring Forth!
Mary Clark, director

John Dykes
arr. Douglas Mears

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 10:19

page 155, pew Bible

Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Matthew 28:19–20

page 835, pew Bible

Solim Ketehouli–French

Melody Istrati–English

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Be Thou My Vision”

Brooke Norsworthy, Eleanor Henrietta Hull
Grant Norsworthy, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word

SERMON

“Loving the Foreigner Among Us”

Rev. Kenneth Layton

RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Facing a Task Unfinished”

Samuel Wesley, Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Fionan de Barra

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees.
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know thee, renew before thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe thee, to go and make thee known.

Where other lords beside thee, hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied thee, defy thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying, and pass into the night.

*We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming, that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to thee, we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them, to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us, to labor for thy sake.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

*We welcome children in our worship service this evening.
Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.
A live feed of the service is available as you care for your children.
If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.
As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

“Mankind’s Towering Pride”
Genesis 10:1–11:9
Dr. Todd Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

“The Trivial and The Real”
Colossians 2:16–23
Rev. Thomas Myrick

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*