

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Holy Holy Holy”

John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

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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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Stand Amazed”

Charles Hutchison Gabriel
arr. Adam Kunsberg

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!
For me it was in the garden he prayed, “Not my will, but thine;”
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.
He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.
When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
’Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, pleading for pity and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings towards you and towards our fellow man. Most merciful Father, grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins, according to your grace; deliver us from evil; preserve and confirm us in good; and lead us to everlasting life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON— Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Jenni Noll

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

Thomas Campbell
arr. Adam Kunsberg

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood,
Died he for me who caused his pain, for me who him to death pursued.
Amazing love how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me.

*Amazing love how can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me.*

He left his Father's throne above, so free so infinite his grace,
Emptied himself of all but love! And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night,
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off my heart was free, I rose went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine,
Alive in him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Colossians 2:16–23

page 984, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON

“The Trivial and The Real”
9th in the series, “Christ Preeminent”

Rev. Thomas Myrick

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Communion Hymn”

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The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God’s blessing on his people

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

*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 18

MORNING SERVICE

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

"Father Abraham"

Genesis 11:27–12:9

Dr. Todd Smedley

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

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Being Heavenly Minded"

Colossians 3:1–4

Dr. Robert Norris