

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

“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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-17

Laura Morgan
page 561, pew Bible

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Merciful Father, we are astonished at the difference between our receiving and our deserving, between the status we now possess in Christ and our past gracelessness, between the heaven we are bound for and the hell we merited. Who made us different but you? We confess that we could not have loved you had you not loved us first. It is our deepest shame that we continue to sin in light of such marvelous grace. Forgive us O Lord as we fly repenting to the cross of Christ, whose mercy has never turned us away. Enlarge our hearts with the assurance that you will never forsake us, and cause us to grow in the grace of obedience and faith, for this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life’s tempestuous sea;
 Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
 Chart and compass come from thee; Savior, pilot me.
 Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
 And my ship’s path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
 Still I know my need of thee; Savior, pilot me.
 As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
 Boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them, “Be still!”
 Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.
 When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
 ’Twi’x me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy chest,
 May I hear thee say to me, “I will pilot thee.”

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“By Faith”

Keith & Kristyn Getty,
Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
 In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
 By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow’r of his promise in their hearts,
 Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.
*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on him, our soul’s reward.
 Till the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*
 By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
 With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.
 By faith the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
 To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev’ry corner of the earth.
 By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
 For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 4:7–18

page 985, 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 Mysteries of Christ”
15th in the series, “Christ Preeminent”

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*HYMN

“O Church Arise”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

O Church, arise, and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
 For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
 With shield of faith and belt of truth, we’ll stand against the devil’s lies;
 An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which he died, an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.
So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle;
That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*DECLARATION 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.

INVITATION TO TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Benediction”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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.
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.

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POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing as able

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, JUNE 3

MORNING SERVICE

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

"Judgment and Salvation"

Genesis 19:1-38

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Jesus Revealed"

Mark 1:1-8

Dr. Robert Norris

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

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