



WORSHIP GUIDE

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, February 21

9:00 & 11:00 AM On-site Service & Livestream

Elder Dan Grove | Pastor Dan Clifford

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**On-site worshippers, please stand if able*

Song of Praise (11 AM only)

Songbook #65 “I Stand in Awe”

You are beautiful beyond description,
too marvelous for words,
too wonderful for comprehension,
like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp your infinite wisdom,
who can fathom the depth of your love?
You are beautiful beyond description,
majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of you,
I stand, I stand in awe of you;
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of you.

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Announcements and Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[Psalm 95:1-2]

All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

[Psalm 95:3-5]

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn #167 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.
2. When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs: May Jesus Christ be praised. When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised.
3. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praise. Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.
4. In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised. The powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.
5. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.
6. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this the'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

German, ca. 1800



Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God says in the second commandment, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." [Exodus 20:4-6]

Let us confess our sins together.

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we are prone to many kinds of wickedness and easily go astray when opportunity is offered. Forgive us, we pray, and so strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may continue in purity of faith, worshipping you with a sincere heart, turning aside from the corruptions of the world, and devoting our souls and bodies to you, so that all parts of our lives may testify that we are a pure and holy sacrifice to you in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

[Silent confession]

Leader: If you are trusting in Christ, receive this assurance of pardon from God's Word.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

[Psalm 68:19-20]

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight. [Ephesians 1:7-8]

***Doxology #733**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia!

***Affirmation of Faith: From Luther's Catechism**

Leader: What do you mean when you confess that Jesus Christ is God's only Son, our Lord?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, very God, Son of the Father from eternity, and also very man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned sinner, and has won and delivered me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold and silver, but with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, so that I might be His own, and might live under Him in his kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessing, just as He rose from the dead, and lives and reigns in all eternity. This is a faithful saying.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" [vv. 1-4]**

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

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4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Reception of New Members, Profession of Faith and Baptisms (11 AM only)

Let us all be reminded that God calls us, as members of the same body and relying on his grace, to treat one another with love and honor, putting away falsehood, grudges, slander, and impurity, accepting one another in Christ, praying for one another, and exhorting one another to holiness. God also calls us to serve each other, practicing hospitality ungrudgingly, bearing each other's burdens, even supplying material need as we are able. In all these things, we demonstrate our unity in the Spirit, and so bring praise to God.

***Hymn #30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" [vv. 5-7]**

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719

Scripture: Exodus 4:18-31

Sermon: "God's Firstborn"

***Hymn #32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" [vv. 1-2]**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided -- Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn #32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" [v. 3]**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided -- Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
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***Benediction**

*Please wait for an usher to dismiss your row and take all items with you. Boxes to receive **Tithes and Offerings** are located in the foyer and in the Fellowship Hall. You may discard the used communion packs in the waste can by the door - Thank you!*

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SERMON OUTLINE:

“God’s Firstborn”

Exodus 4:18-31

Main Idea: Jesus enables us to live up to our privileges.

I. Israel’s experience of being God’s firstborn

A. The privilege, 18-23

B. The peril, 24-26

C. The gratefulness, 27-31

II. Being gathered into Christ, the perfect firstborn

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is Moses’ mission?
2. How does Israel receive Moses’ message?
3. God calls Israel his firstborn son. What does this say about their privilege? About their duty?
4. Which “firstborn son” of God has ever perfectly done his duty?
5. Advanced question: As you seek to be a faithful child of God, how does it help to know that your Savior is a perfect Son of God?