

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~
Sunday, October 11, 2020, 9:30 AM

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42*

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:8-13

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Let us worship our gracious and mighty God with passion.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

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- 1 Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain, unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

- 2 Brethren, see poor sinners round you
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving –
Can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers
And our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

- 3 Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior –
Tell them that he will be found;
Sisters, prayer, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

- 4 Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Then he'll call us home to heaven,
At his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around.

Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

We will not be passing an offering plate. Please present your tithes and offerings to the Lord by mailing them to:

Valley Presbyterian Church,
10807 Falls Road, P.O. Box 285,
Brooklandville, MD 21022

Or by giving online at <https://valleypca.org/giving/>

Prayer of Confession

The Reformation Confession of Sins, 1525

O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We condemn ourselves and our misdoings and pray that your grace may bring help to our distress and misery. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins; and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us from day to day; so that we, acknowledging with our whole hearts our own unrighteousness, may truly repent; that sin may be destroyed in us; and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life which are well pleasing unto you, through Jesus Christ. [Silent Confession] Amen!

Declaration of Pardon

Scripture Reading

Acts 23:12-35

Sermon

The Strong Commitment of the Ungodly

Pastor Mark Tippin

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen!

Prayer Requests for this Week

Spend time praying for the needs in our congregation and world:

- Madeline S., praise for good results from her brain MRI.
- Comfort for Buck and Carol K. and family with the passing of Buck's sister, Nancy.
- Gerald and Eileen K., health issues.
- Sharon F., surgery recovery and ongoing health issues.
- Youth Group, for spiritual growth and for Nathan as he leads.
- Vision Team, for wisdom.

- Upcoming movie nights outreach.
- Those in our community who are lost and need to know the risen Savior.
- Pray for healing of the racial tensions and anger in our society.
- The spiritual and financial needs of our sister congregations.
- People who are suffering or have relatives or friends suffering.
- Medical providers and first responders who are dealing with long hours, difficult situations, and risk to themselves.
- People who are now unable to work or are suffering from fear and anxiety during these times. Pray that God would provide.
- The elderly and those who live alone.
- That God would provide for His church.

Families of the Week:

Miss Katie W.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent & Katie Y. (Harrison, Vivi)

Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

- 1 Before the throne of God above
 I have a strong and perfect plea;
 A great High Priest whose name is love,
 Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on His hands,
 My name is written on His heart;
 I know that while in heav'n He stands,
 No tongue can bid me thence depart;
 No tongue can bid me thence depart.

- 2 When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because my sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

- 3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The Kind of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Please join us this Sunday evening at 7:00 PM as we continue our Bible study series on the book of Philippians over Zoom. You can join through your computer or smart phone, or you can dial in with a regular phone.