



JOY

ON THE OTHER SIDE

BEVERLY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2023

The Pattern of Worship

Because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on the first day of the week, the church has always gathered to worship on Sunday (“the Lord’s Day”; cf. John 20:1, 19, 26, Acts 20:7, etc.) in celebration of Christ’s resurrection and victory over death. Christians gather at many different times throughout the week, but Lord’s Day worship is the essential fountainhead from which all other Christian worship, service, and fellowship flow.

The patterns seen throughout Scripture inform our Lord’s Day worship. Scripture has much to say as to how the church should worship. Worship is much more than a matter of preference.

The pattern of our liturgy follows the basic biblical structure of sacrificial worship. This pattern is found in both old and new testament Scriptures, but perhaps the clearest place to see this shape is in Leviticus 9, the first corporate worship service at the newly constructed tabernacle.

While Jesus abolished animal sacrifice, He did not abrogate the way of sacrifice (e.g., Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15, etc.). New covenant worship is still described in sacrificial categories and the church is described as the true temple. As Augustine observed, whatever is fulfilled in Christ (the Head) is also fulfilled in the ongoing life of the church (Christ’s body). Therefore, in Christ, our worship service represents the fulfillment and transformation of old covenant liturgical types. The basic pattern is as follows:

The Lord Gathers Us: The people are called to worship (Lev. 9:5). Our worship is a response to God’s summons. He always takes the initiative. We draw near only because He first invites us.

The Lord Cleanses Our Sin: The sin offering (Lev. 9:15) highlights confession of sin and absolution. Without an initial confession of sin, we are worshipping God with unclean hands and lips. But having been washed, we may enter God’s presence.

The Lord Sanctifies Our Lives: The ascension offering (Lev. 9:16) corresponds to our entrance into God’s heavenly sanctuary (cf. Heb. 10:19ff) and consecration. The ascension offering consists in a burst of sung praise, since we have received cleansing and access to God’s throne room. We enter God’s courts with thanksgiving and joy. This offering also includes the reading and preaching of the Word, as we are consecrated to God’s service by His truth (Jn. 17:17; Heb. 4:12).

The Lord Receives Our Gifts and Hearts: The tribute offering (Lev. 9:17) follows, represented by the collection of tithes and offerings. We offer ourselves in the ascension offering; we offer our lives, our hearts and our prayers in the tribute offering. Our lives are not acceptable to God apart from the blood sacrifice of Christ, but in Christ, God accepts us and the fruit of our labors.

The Lord Meets Us at the Table: The peace offering was at the center of every feast and festival in the old covenant and is the climax of the liturgy (Lev. 9:18-21). This offering is the communion meal we eat in God’s presence. The Lord’s Supper, of course, is our peace offering in the new covenant, as God shares His table with us.

The Lord Scatters Us into the World: Finally, we are commissioned. We are sent out with God’s benediction (Lev. 9:22-23). At the tabernacle, Aaron raised his hands and blessed the people as he dismissed them (Num. 6:22-27). We are sent out to serve God in the world, carrying His blessing as we go.

BEVERLY HEIGHTS TOGETHER

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

Psalm Singing Instruction

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father
Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Burton

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: And again I say rejoice!

Congregational Introit Psalm **126**

vv. 1, 2

When Zion's Fortunes God Restored

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **100E**

vv. 1-4

In All the Land Rejoice

Responsive Reading

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Leader: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!
Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

People: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against You, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what He is made unto us of You, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That His precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May He crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth. O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen

Silent Confession of Sin

Unison Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for His children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear Him.

Unison Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living 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.**

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 7:1-16

Mr. Peter Chace, Candidate Under Care

Responsive Psalm **96D**

v. 8

Ascribe Unto the LORD

Special Music

I Will Sing

Rogers

Beverly Heights Children's Ensemble

Congregational Response **No. 731**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

*Children ages preschool and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room.
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Kingsmore

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Invitation and Coming to the Table

*Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.
 Please note that the smaller communion plate contains gluten-free bread.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Threefold Amen



THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm **98 A and B**

vv. 1, 4

Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Burton

Why do we Worship?

Some insights from Pastor Devlin

At Beverly Heights we like to say, “Worship is job #1!” That’s a bold statement. It is bold not only for us to hear as individual believers, as we seek to reconcile such a claim with all the responsibilities and opportunities we face each day; it is bold even for some churches.

You might be surprised to hear that not every church, or even every pastor, would affirm this statement. Others might suggest that mission is job #1, or personal evangelism, outreach, church growth, even programming. To be sure, each of these are good things, important to the life and ministry of a local congregation, but none rise to the level of job #1.

Why does worship enjoy this superior position? To answer that question, we must first understand the meaning of the word “worth.” The origin of the English word “worship” comes from the Old English word *weorthscipe* or worth•ship. The issue of worth is inherent in worship.

The reason something is worshiped is because that thing has a quality or condition of excellence that makes it valuable, desirable and esteemed. In short, something is worshiped because of its worth.

So now the question becomes, “How is the worth of something defined?” Is worth arbitrary, placed upon a thing by someone or by the consensus of a group?

This may be true when we are talking about diamond rings or real-estate, but there is an aspect of worth that transcends personal opinion. Some things are intrinsically worthy and possess worth in and of themselves. They are not worthy because of an extrinsic quality but simply because of what they are. People are intrinsically worthy. We love them (or should love them) for their own sake, not because of what they might bring to you.

The Bible reveals God in this same way. He is inherently valuable and intrinsically worthy. The Bible asks, “*Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?*” (Exodus 15:11).

The answer is that there is none other like God. God is unique. He alone is holy. He alone reveals creative, redemptive and sustaining glory. God is good. In fact, God is the highest good. There is none higher. Therefore, God is worth everything. There is nothing better worth pursuing.

What is our response to such a unique, powerful and perfect being? Our response is to worship Him, to ascribe all honor and worth to our Creator-God precisely because He is worthy, delightfully so.

Worship means that we recognize that God is #1 in every evaluation. He occupies the top place in every hierarchy of good things. Every time the church gathers together for corporate worship, we make a public declaration, to ourselves, to the world and even to heaven, and declare that God is worth everything, including our lives.

The Bible not only declares that God is worthy of worship; it also describes how we should engage in worship. There is a biblical design to worship we follow, which is why we are committed not only to singing and music, but also the preaching of the word and the administration of the sacraments.

That is also why we have a Worship Design Team: a team that helps our church to discern that pattern and follow it. Each week we meet for over two hours on Thursday mornings to review last week and get ready for the next.. Preparing for worship takes a lot of time and requires a lot of attention, but God is worth it because God’s worth is transcendent and exceeds all things.

When we read Revelation chapter 5, we hear all of Heaven ask the question, “Who is worthy?” Who is worthy of blessing, honor, glory and might? Who is worthy of our worship? The answer, “He is!” Amen.

This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Beverly Heights Together Worship
10:30 AM Linger Longer Fellowship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 PM ACE Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Revelation Fitness workout

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 PM Introduction to Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM Revelation Fitness workout
11:15 AM Men's Canoeing Trip

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Christian Education for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Children's Ministry Open House
4:30 PM Church Picnic (Mt. Lebanon Park)

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Gathered By His Love For Us ~ Scattered By Our Love For Him

When Zion's Fortunes God Restored

From Psalm 126

1. ¹When Zi - on's for - tunes GOD re - stored,
2. The na - tions said, "The LORD has done

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It was a dream come true. ²Our mouths were then with
Great things for Is - ra - el." ³The LORD did might - y

²Our mouths were then with
³The LORD did might - y

¹⁰laugh - ter filled, Our tongues with songs a - new.
things for us, And joy our hearts knew well.

3. ⁴Restore our fortunes, gracious LORD,
Like streams in desert soil.
⁵A joyful harvest shall reward
The weeping sower's toil.

4. ⁶The man who, bearing seed to sow,
Goes out with tears of grief,
Will come again with songs of joy,
Bearing his harvest sheaf.

100E

Psalm 100

In All the Land Rejoice

There shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

—John 10:16

1. ¹ In all the land re - joice And
 2. ³ Know that the LORD is God. He
 3. ⁴ With thanks come through His gates, Praise
 4. ⁵ Be - cause the LORD is good, His

to the LORD cry out. ² In wor - ship glad - ly
 made us, we are His, His peo - ple and the
 in His courts pro - claim; De - clare the glo - ry
 love will yet en - dure; To gen - er - a - tions,

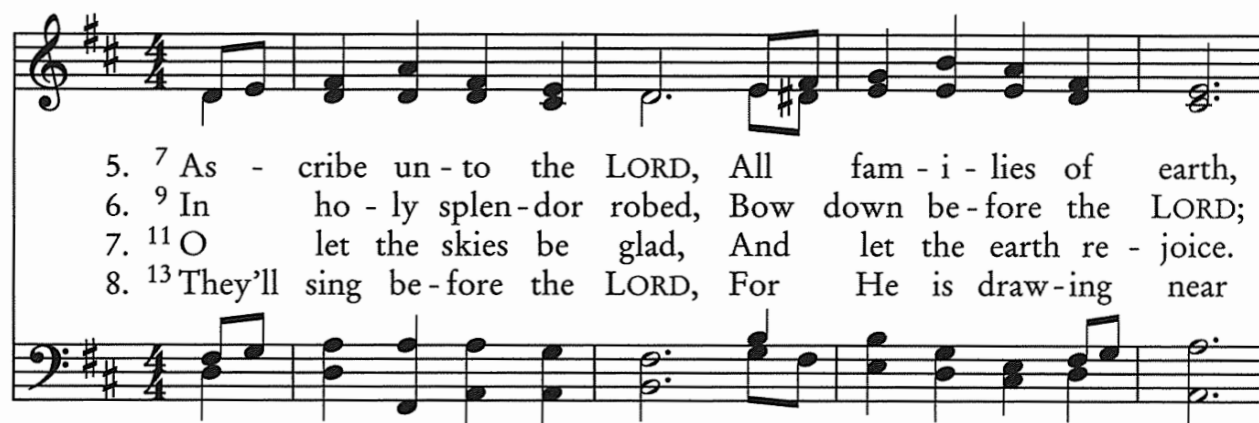
serve the LORD, For joy be - fore Him shout.
 cho - sen flock Set where His pas - ture is.
 He de - serves, Give bless - ings to His name.
 on and on, His faith - ful - ness is sure.

Ascribe Unto the LORD

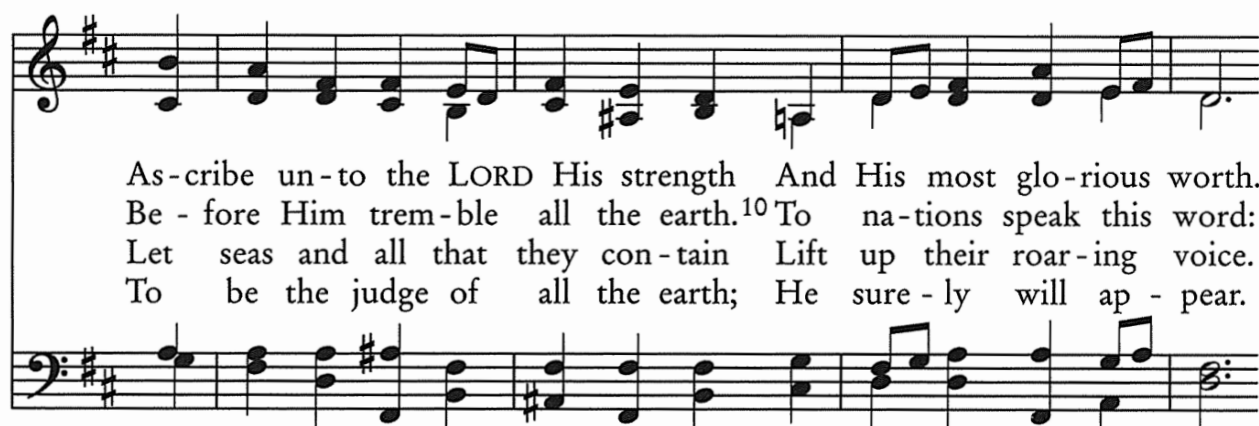
"Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
—Revelation 22:20

96D

Psalms 96:7-13



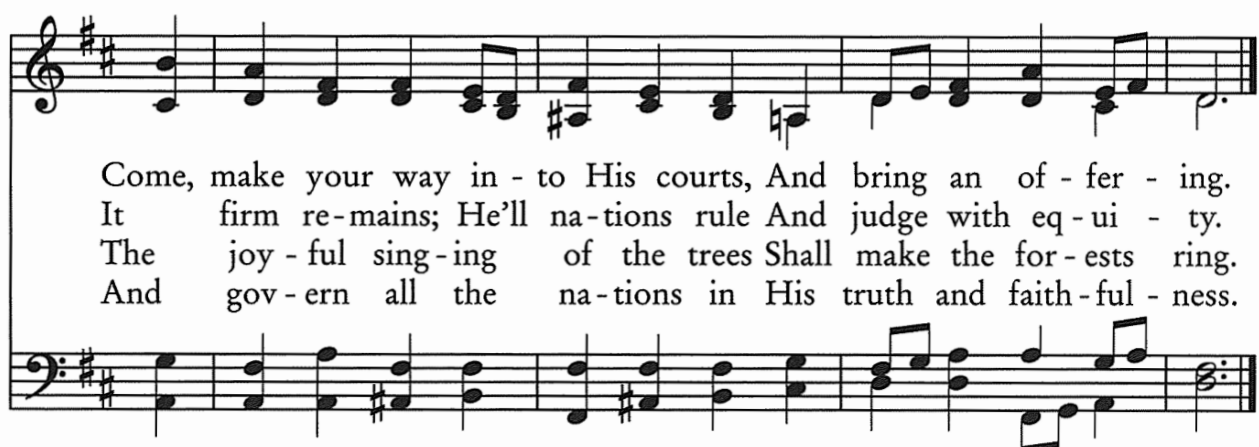
5. ⁷ As - crite un - to the LORD, All fam - i - lies of earth,
6. ⁹ In ho - ly splen - dor robed, Bow down be - fore the LORD;
7. ¹¹ O let the skies be glad, And let the earth re - joice.
8. ¹³ They'll sing be - fore the LORD, For He is draw - ing near



As - crite un - to the LORD His strength And His most glo - rious worth.
Be - fore Him trem - ble all the earth. ¹⁰ To na - tions speak this word:
Let seas and all that they con - tain Lift up their roar - ing voice.
To be the judge of all the earth; He sure - ly will ap - pear.



⁸ As - crite un - to the LORD The glo - ry of His name;
"The LORD reigns o - ver all!" The world un - moved will be,
¹² Let ev - ery beast ex - ult, Let fields with glad - ness sing;
Then He will rule the world In per - fect righ - teous - ness,



Come, make your way in - to His courts, And bring an of - fer - ing.
It firm re - mains; He'll na - tions rule And judge with eq - ui - ty.
The joy - ful sing - ing of the trees Shall make the for - ests ring.
And gov - ern all the na - tions in His truth and faith - ful - ness.

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Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

From Psalm 98:1-3

1. 1 Oh, sing a new song to the LORD, For won-ders He has done,
For won - ders He has done; His right hand and His ho - ly arm
The vic - to - ry have won, The
The vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have
The vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won.

2. 2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
He openly has shown.

3. 3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Israel's house has been,
The great salvation of our God
All ends of earth have seen.

Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

Cont'd, Psalm 98:4-9

Cont'd, Psalm 96:1-3

4. 4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD And make a joy - ful sound,

And make a joy - ful sound, Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;

13 Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing
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17 sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!

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5. ⁵ With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp, a psalm O sing!

6 With horn and trumpet raise a shout
Before the LORD, the King.

6. ⁷Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde.

8 Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
Their joy 9 before the LORD!

7. Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
All men with equity.