

CEDAR SPRINGS MORNING WORSHIP

September 9, 2018 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Bridges
"Awake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity."

WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Call to Worship

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs "O Worship The King" arr. Duncan

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing, his pow'r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

"Before the Throne of God Above" Bancroft/Cook

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 heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin. Because the 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.

Behold him there the Risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I Am, the King 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.

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"Behold Our God" Baird/Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice, all creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus: Behold our God seated on his throne. Come let us adore him. Behold our King nothing can compare, come let us adore him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words? Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon his hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus Savior risen now to reign.

Bridge: You will reign forever (Let your glory fill the earth). You will reign forever (Let your glory fill).

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Offertory "My God Is So High" Traditional Spiritual/arr. Hogan

My God is so high, you can't get over him. He's so low, you can't get under him. He's so wide, you can't get around him. You must come in, by and through the Lamb. One day as I was walking along the heavenly road, my Savior spoke unto me. And he filled my heart with his love. I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow and if my Savior help me I'll blow

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Prayers of Intercession

Announcements & Peace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

(After each reading the people respond, "Thanks be to God.")

Old Testament

Genesis 2:8-17

p. 2, Kids p. 2

New Testament

Revelation 22:1-6

p. 1041, Kids p. 294

Sermon text

Genesis 1:26-31

p. 1, Kids p. 2

Sermon

"In His Image"

TASTING AND SEEING GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Lead On O King Eternal"

Shurtleff/Smart

Instrumental

"Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)"

Getty/Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

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.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond – and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. So we share in his suffering, we proclaim that Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Postlude

Guest Speaker: Dr. Luder Whitlock, Executive Director of CNL Charitable Foundation and President of Excelsis

All first-time and returning visitors are invited to the Visitor's Reception room just past the Welcome Center (down the hall on the right) for refreshments following each morning service. Drop by and let us welcome you.