

**prelude**

PAT DOLAN

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

*God of Heaven and Earth – Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

God, who madest earth and heaven, Father, Son and Holy Ghost;  
Who the day and night hast given, sun and moon and starry host;  
Whose almighty hand sustains earth and all that it contains.

Lead me, and forsake me never; guide my wanderings by thy word;  
As thou has been, be thou ever my defense, my Refuge, Lord.  
Never safe except with thee, thou my faithful Guardian be.

O my God, I now commend me wholly to thy mighty hand;  
As the powers that Thou dost lend me let me use at thy command.  
Lord, my Shield, my Strength divine, keep me with thee – I am thine.

*Now Thank We All Our God – Johanna Cruger/James Koerts*

**preparing our hearts**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

– Psalm 103:19<sup>ESV</sup>

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him.

– Acts 17:26-27<sup>ESV</sup>

*Leader:* I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**All:** **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,**

*Leader:* My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

**All:** **My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

*Leader:* I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

**All:** **And I am saved from my enemies.**

– Psalm 18:1-3<sub>ESV</sub>

## GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,  
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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*Leader:* O God of our delight, your throne of grace is a pleasure to our souls. Here we obtain mercy in time of need and see the smile of your reconciled face; here joy pleads the name of Jesus; here we sharpen the sword of the Spirit, anoint the shield of faith, put on the helmet of salvation, gather manna from your Word, are strengthened for each conflict, nerved for the upward race, empowered to conquer every foe. Help us to come to Christ as the fountainhead of descending blessings, as a wide-open floodgate of mercy. Through Christ Our Lord we pray, Amen.

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “The Throne”

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q&A 27

*Leader:* What do you understand by the providence of God?

**All:** God’s providence is  
his almighty and ever present power,  
whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds  
heaven and earth and all creatures,  
and so governs them that  
leaf and blade,  
rain and drought,  
fruitful and barren years,  
food and drink,  
health and sickness,  
riches and poverty,  
indeed, all things,  
come to us not by chance  
but by his fatherly hand.

## COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

On that day when, freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;  
Clothed by thee in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace.  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away.  
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* [D]o you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

– Romans 2:4<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:**        **Gracious God,**  
**Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**  
**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,**  
**What our hearts can no longer bear,**  
**And what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**  
**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**  
**Open to us a future in which we can be changed;**  
**And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,**  
**Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

– From *The Book of Common Worship*

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

– Romans 8:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

**All:**        **Thanks be to God!**

## HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. \*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us?  
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. \*

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## **scripture reading**

*Leader:* Psalm 108:1-4  
Matthew 25:1-13  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: 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,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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**\*\* passing the peace**

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3–K.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

*When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.*

[about our guest speaker | RICK BOX](#)

Rick and Pam Box have served as missionaries with Mission to the World for over 25 years in Latin America. Rick first served as a church planter and country director in Bogotá, Colombia, for 10 years. In 2001 Rick left Colombia to serve as the MTW Mexico country director. In 2006, Rick and Pam returned to Colombia, where Rick continued the ministry of church planting, pastoral training, and presbytery development.

Rick and Pam have now been assigned to work with MTW and Third Millennium Ministries, focusing on leadership training and theological education in Latin America and in other Spanish speaking areas. The hope is that through this training Latin American pastors and church leaders will be better equipped and more churches will be planted.

**Series** | “Romans, Part Four: Why We Serve”

**November 18, 2018**

**Sermon** | “Time To Wake Up”

**Romans 13:11-14** ESV | **11** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

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**\*\* the gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** **Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

– Ephesians 5:1-2 ESV

## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymns.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24<sup>ESV</sup>

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

**All: Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and for his sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross. As we partake of these, your gifts of the bread and the cup, give us assurance that we are made whole by his body and our sins are pardoned through his blood. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior’s coming in glory. Hear us now through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.

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## JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me thine all in all." \*

*\* Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. \*

Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. \*

When from my dying bed my ransomed soul shall rise,  
"Jesus died my soul to save!" shall rend the vaulted skies. \*

And when, before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet. \*

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THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground, and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

*End:*

All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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**announcements**

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**\*\* benediction**