

Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC

Order of Worship for January 16, 2022

REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP

Hebrews 11:13-16

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Hebrews 1:1-3)

This is the Day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

At sundry times and in diverse manners God spoke in the past to the fathers and by the prophets.

God speaks today through his revealed Word.

In more recent times God has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world.

God speaks today through the revealed Word Jesus.

Who, being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

This is the Lord Jesus! Let us worship him!

In Spirit and in Truth, let us draw near to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your way, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(A moment for silent confession and reflection)

Word of Comfort

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness (No. 43)*

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.

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. *Refrain*

Refrain: 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!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (No. 8)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here
daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayers for the People

Special Music *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Scripture *Genesis 50:15-21*

Sermon “What Good Can Come of Evil?”

* *This Is My Father’s World (No. 58)*

This is my Father’s world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas -
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker’s praise.

This is my Father’s world:
He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav’n be one.

3 Questions in 5 Minutes with Abby Wallace: 1. What do you do for work and what do you specialize in?
2. How did you feel called to your specific work? 3. How does your story impact how you work?

*Offering

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Doxology (No. 625)* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Benediction

REFLECTION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Reading Notes for This Week:

- **Reflect on Genesis:** What did you learn about God’s story, BPC’s story, or your story? Write some thoughts down. Consider the most impactful stories, passages you underlined, ideas, and prayers in your head. Keep these in a safe place.
- **Make it a Movie Night:** We begin Exodus which begins another epic narrative surrounding Moses. There are many films you could watch with this story. *Prince of Egypt* (animated and great for families) will cover the events from this week’s reading.
- **Deep Thoughts:** Did you know each of the plagues against Egypt also implied a refutation of the other gods. Each plague would signify God’s sovereignty over other deities.
- **Warning Sign of Rote Bible Reading:** The story of Moses is *literally* two Hollywood movies. As a piece of literature, it is masterful, rife with developed themes, irony, and a profound punchline. If you are not enjoying the story itself, you may be suffering from Rote Bible Reading Syndrome (RBRS). Please contact your pastor at your earliest convenience for a prescription toward a remedy.

Suggested Daily Reading Plan:

- Monday: Genesis 43-45
- Tuesday: Genesis 46-48
- Wednesday: Genesis 50-Exodus 2
- Thursday: Exodus 3-6
- Friday: Exodus 7-12
- Saturday: Catch-Up Day
- Sunday: Gather in Worship

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