

# Brainerd Presbyterian Church, EPC

## Order of Worship for September 12, 2021

**REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP** For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” – 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. *Galatians 3:10-14*

### *Prelude*

### Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

This is the Day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Forgiveness is found in Jesus Christ.

**Jesus is the Savior and Lord.**

Let us magnify God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Let us exalt God’s name together!**

### \*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession                      Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” As God has instructed us in these great commandments, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.                      *(A moment for silent confession and reflection)*

Word of Comfort    *Acts 10:46*                      Assurance: By grace through faith, know that you are forgiven.  
Because of the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, be at peace.

### *\*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (No. 2)*

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 His name - I'm fixed upon it -  
Name of God’s redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me;  
Thou hast bro’t me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bought me with His precious blood.

O 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  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

### *\*Be Thou My Vision (No. 382)*

1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav'n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Prayer for the People

*Special Music*

NT Scripture                      *Galatians 3:7-14*

OT Scripture                      *Leviticus 18:1-5*

Sermon                              “Faith and Living”

*\*In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm thro’ the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness, slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ, I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Could ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ, I stand.

*\*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*

REFLECTING ON WORSHIP

- **Read:** Read Leviticus 18:5 and James 1:18.
  - Leviticus 18:5 says, “You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.”
  - James 1:22 says, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.”
- **Reflection:** Consider the following phrase, “Faith alone saves, but saving faith is never alone.” Saving faith is not alone because genuine faith in Christ results in a renewed heart for pleasing our heavenly Father. Reflect on the significance of this phrase for a few moments.
- **Question To Ponder and for Discussion:** Could you genuinely experience faith in Christ and yet have no desire or action of obedience in Christ? Talk this over with a family member or fellow church member.
- **Pray:** Take a moment of prayer to praise God for who he is. Consider his character. Wonder about might and mercy... Then ask the Lord to fill you with genuine faith that leads to loving him and others.

Sermon Series

Aug. 15	Faith and Blessing (Gen. 12:1-3)	<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Faith and Living (Lev. 18:5)</b>
Aug. 29	Faith and Reliance (Deut. 27:26)	Sept. 19	Faith and the Curse (Deut. 21:22-23)
Sept. 5	Faith and Righteousness (Hab. 2:4)	Sept. 26	Faith and the Promise (Gal. 3:7-14)

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