

We Enter into Worship...

- PreludeChris Holmberg
- Welcome and Announcements
- IntroitChris & Lydia Holmberg
- Oh, Taste and See/Oh Magnify the LORD
- Call to WorshipPsalm 65:5-8

250I Sing the Almighty Power of God

1. I sing th'al-might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,

2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;

3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.

he formed the crea-tures with his word, and then pro-nounced them good.

and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;

Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye,

while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o-bey.

if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!

and ev-'ry-where that man can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

We Meet with God through Prayer, Scripture, and Song...

- Corporate Prayer of Confession
- Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*)

- Silent Confession
- Assurance of ForgivenessRomans 8:1
- The Gloria Patri
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

- Prayer of DedicationElder Bob Daily
- The Lord's Prayer
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- Musical OfferingChris, Carol & Lydia Holmberg
- Psalm 13

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last four lines. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding staves.

William Cowper, 1774
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DUNDEE C.M.
Scottish Psalter, 1615

Featured Element of Worship: God Moves in a Mysterious Way

William Cowper (pronounced “Cooper”) was one of the most popular English poets of the 18th century, and coined such phrases as, “Variety is the spice of life.” Despite his great talent, his was a life that knew great sorrow (his childhood included great personal loss) as well as mental, emotional and physical abuse. His adult years would later be marked by heartbreak, a lack of career success, depression, mental breakdown, and even suicidal despair.

While institutionalized for 18 months in an asylum, God used the influence of an evangelical doctor to open Cowper’s eyes to the the truth of the gospel. Though this did not put an end to his personal anguish, it helped Cowper to realize that even in the midst of his trials, God was always working in his life. Cowper would later come under the spiritual care of John Newton. The two would ultimately work together to produce The Olney Hymnbook which included such hymns of Newton’s as Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds and Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, as well as Cowper’s There is a Fountain Filled With Blood, and God Moves in a Mysterious Way, which we sing this morning. In it, Cowper reminds us:

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence, he hides a smiling face.

Sermon

Psalm 13

Rev. Pete Scribner

1. A Complaint

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

2. A Cry

3. A Confidence

Statement of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

The Nicene Creed

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

1. Man of sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, “It is fin - ished!” was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
now in heav’n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we’ll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875
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HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR 7.7.7.8.
Philip P. Bliss, 1875

We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Following corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship, followed by Sunday School in our Education Wing!

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Pete and Erin Scribner to God’s glory in celebration of God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Communion at Calvary

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have trusted in Christ as Savior and follow Him as Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture’s promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord’s Supper, we generally discourage children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give ascent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is passed to us by the Elders, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a piece from the tray and hold it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we shall all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or quiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

Nursery: While we welcome (and actually love!) the presence of young children during corporate worship, we also recognize that not all parents are comfortable having their littlest ones with them in the sanctuary. For this reason, we do provide a nursery for children age 3 and under. You can take them there right before the sermon and they will be well taken care of for the remainder of the service!

Prayer Chain - Please contact Rev. Scribner (618-795-4319) if you have a prayer request or would like to serve the congregation at Calvary by being a part of our prayer chain.

School Supplies Drive: The Martha-Mary Circle is leading a drive to support Waterbrook Christian Academy and Dowdall Elementary School in the Kearsley School District. Please consider helping out as an expression of faithfulness to Christ’s command to love our neighbor as ourself. You will find a receptacle and a list of needed supplies at the entrance to the church building,

Join Us for a Day of Fun and Crafts

Saturday, August 16th, 1-3pm

- Bring a T-shirt to add an applique
 - Make a special magnet or pin
 - Design your own drink cup
- Paint a colorful swirled pattern in a vase
 - Play a game with Ms. Dorothy
 - Kids Corner with fun projects
- Enjoy a few snacks and drinks.

Come for fun and fellowship!!!

Meditation for the Week

Some say they have a desire to behold the glory of Christ by faith, but when they begin to view this glory they find it too high and difficult. They are overcome, like the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration. I admit that the weakness of our minds and our inability to understand much of the eternal glory of Christ prevents us from keeping our thoughts in a steady and unbroken meditation for any length of time. Those who are not practiced in the skill of holy meditation in general will not be able to meditate on this mystery in particular. But even so, when faith can no longer hold open the eyes of our understanding to think about the Sun of righteousness shining in his beauty, at least we can still, by faith, rest in holy admiration and love.

John Owen
The Glory of Christ

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Friday		Church Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

As you prepare your heart for next Sunday, be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 71 (which will be our sermon text) and our Meditation for the Week (printed above).

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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