

We Enter into Worship...

- Prelude Chris Holmberg
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit Choir
- Come, Christians, Join to Sing
- Call to Worship 1 Timothy 6:14b-16

Crown Him with Many Crowns 380

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Matthew Bridges, 1851
 DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868
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We Meet with God through Prayer, Scripture & Song...

Corporate Prayer of Confession
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have violated your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore the penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, for his sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of his holy name. Amen.

(Adapted from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer)

- Silent Confession of Sins
- Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1:8-9
- The Doxology
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.
- Prayer of Dedication Elder Randy Heidtman
- 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.

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

¹⁵ Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” ¹⁸ But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.” ¹⁹ And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

Musical Offering

Choir

Ever in Joyful Song

Pastoral Prayer

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Remember Not, O God

1. Re - mem - ber not, O God, the sins of long a - go;
 2. O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name;
 3. In your com - pas - sion hear your pris - 'ner's plain - tive sigh,
 4. Then, safe with - in your fold, we will ex - alt your name;

in ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, dis - tressed and hum - bled low.
 de - liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.
 and in the great - ness of your pow'r save those a - bout to die.
 our thank - ful hearts with songs of joy your good - ness will pro - claim.

Paraphrase
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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GORTON S.M.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1807; adapt.

Featured Element of Worship: Singing Psalms

In Reformed churches, we make much of the fact that one of the primary “reforms” of the Reformation was a return to Biblical doctrine. What we sometimes neglect to realize is that another focus was on the reformation of worship. Following the lead of John Calvin in Geneva, the Reformed churches focused on an increase in the amount of Scripture in their worship services. To that end, the singing of the Psalms became a prominent feature in the Reformed tradition, as the Book of Psalms is the divinely inspired hymnbook of the people of God. When we purchased new hymnals a few years ago, we very intentionally chose one that included the Psalter (the Psalms, set to music) as an aid in recapturing this tradition. The hymns numbered 1-150 in *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* are actually the Psalms corresponding to each number, and we regularly incorporate these into our worship, sharing in the wisdom of the Reformers, joining our hearts and minds and voices with the people of God who have sung the Psalms to his glory ever since they were written thousands of years ago!

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Psalm 115

All glory belongs to the Lord, who uses his great power for his people:

- Protecting

¹ Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

³ Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

⁶ They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

⁷ They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.

⁸ Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

⁹ O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

¹¹ You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

¹² The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

¹³ he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.

¹⁴ May the Lord give you increase, you and your children!

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

¹⁶ The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence.

¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

- Providing

- Preserving

Statement of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt.
St. 6, John Rippon, 1787

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Oliver Holden, 1793

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 our service of corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship, then for Sunday School in our education wing.

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Mark & Kim Freeman in celebration of their granddaughter Taylor's 5th birthday on September 16th, and by Pete & Erin Scribner in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary which is also on September 16th.

"...and the Two became One..."

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church's commitment to marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain wedding anniversaries (their first, all divisible by five, and all over 50).

Today we are pleased to introduce Pete and Erin Scribner, who celebrate their 30th anniversary on September 16th!

Holiday Food Baskets - The Martha-Mary Circle is once again collecting non-perishable food items to provide for families in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lists of needed items are available in the front vestibule, as are signup forms if you know of a family in need (two requests per person).

New Member Class - We are in the process of scheduling a four-week session for prospective new members. If you are interested in joining the church (or just would like to go through the class!) please indicate so as you sign the friendship folder and we'll be in touch!

The Diaconate oversees mercy ministries on behalf of the church, providing such services as funeral dinners and at times with benevolence gifts to those in need. Their treasury has always been separate from the church's general fund, and is currently running low. If in addition to your regular giving you would like to donate to their ministries, you can do so by indicating so on your offering envelope.

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!

Meditation for the Week

I recently heard the account of a field army officer who so exorbitantly pursued physical and military discipline with his troops that he broke their morale. That led to a communication breakdown during combat that resulted in fatalities. I knew a woman who had experienced periods of poverty as she grew up. As an adult, she was so eager for financial security that she passed over many good prospective relationships in order to marry a wealthy man she did not really love. This led to an early divorce and to all the economic struggles she feared so much. It appears that some major league baseball players, in a quest to play not just well but at a Hall of Fame level, took steroids and other drugs. As a result, their bodies are more broken and their reputation is more sullied than if they had been willing to be good rather than great. The very things upon which these people were building their happiness turned to dust in their hands *because* they had built all their happiness upon them. In each case, a good thing among many was turned into a supreme thing, so that its demands overrode all competing values. But counterfeit gods always disappoint and often destructively so.

Is it wrong to want disciplined troops, or financial security, or athletic prowess? Not at all. But these stories point to a common mistake people make when they hear about the biblical concept of idolatry. We think that idols are bad things, but that is almost never the case. The greater the good, the more likely we are to expect that it can satisfy our deepest needs and hopes. Anything can serve as a counterfeit god, especially the very best things in life.

What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.

A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living...

Tim Keller
Counterfeit Gods

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday		Office Closed No Tuesdays at Two
Friday	10:00	Session
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by Church Picnic

Church Picnic: Make sure to mark September 21st on your calendar and plan to be a part of our annual church picnic. Bring a side dish to share and join us in the pavilion as we enjoy time with one another gathered around the picnic tables, sharing in food, fun & fellowship!



As you prepare your heart this week for our next corporate worship gathering, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 41 (which will be our sermon text).

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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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