

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord’s Day

January 12, 2025

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Welcome and Announcements	
Introit	Choir
Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place	
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Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession	
Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that make it difficult for others to forgive us; the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong; and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us through Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.	
Assurance of Forgiveness	Isaiah 38:17b
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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 Chris Holmberg

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.

Unison Scripture Reading	Acts 9:1-9
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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	

This morning’s Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer in *Baker’s Handbook of Worship*.

Featured Element of Worship: Ordination & Installation of Officers

“To ordain” means “to order or decree something officially.” When we ordain deacons and elders, we are making a very important statement: We are formally recognizing that God has set apart these individuals to undertake the responsibility of caring for his church. To this end, we are also declaring that they have been installed into one of the two biblical offices of deacon or elder. As Rev. Scribner leads us in prayer for the newly installed officers, members of the church’s Session take part in the ancient Christian practice of laying hands on them (e.g., Acts 6:6), designating that these new officers have been set apart for such special service unto the Lord and conferring the Lord’s blessing upon them that they might faithfully serve him and us.

1. The church -’s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, yet one o’er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav’n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, “How long?”
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

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5. ’Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Unison Scripture Reading...Acts 9:1-9

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus.
O how bright the path grows ev'ry day
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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1. The sands of time are sink - ing, the dawn of heav - en breaks,
2. The King there in his beau - ty with - out a veil is seen;
3. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the deep sweet well of love!
4. The bride eyes not her gar - ment, but her dear bride - groom's face;

the sum - mer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn a - wakes;
it were a well - spent jour - ney, though sev'n deaths lay be - tween:
The streams on earth I've tast - ed, more deep I'll drink a - bove:
I will not gaze at glo - ry, but on my King of grace;

dark, dark hath been the mid - night, but day - spring is at hand,
the Lamb with his fair ar - my doth on Mount Zi - on stand,
there to an o - cean full - ness his mer - cy doth ex - pand,
not at the crown he gift - eth, but on his pierc - ed hand:

and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Em - man - uel's land.
and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Em - man - uel's land.
and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Em - man - uel's land.
the Lamb is all the glo - ry of Em - man - uel's land.

Sermon...Ephesians 1:1-2

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¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

♦ Who is it from?

♦ Who is it to?

♦ What is he sending them?

Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. 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.

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

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Dorothy Younce in loving memory of her husband Sam, her son Steve, and her daughter-in-law Marsha.

Ordination of Officers: Today we ordain and install the following officers who were elected by the congregation in December: Ron Busch, Jacob Tebo and Mark Younce to the office of Deacon, as well as Chris Holmberg and Bob Daily who will serve as Elders on Session.

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday		Office Closed No Tuesdays at Two This Week
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:00	Session
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Church Staff

Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Meditation for the Week

All the spiritual blessings we have come through and with Jesus. And yet, the greatest blessing that we receive through our union with Christ is not justification, not holiness, not glorification, not the spirit of adoption, not the spirit of prayer, not simply even the fact that God rejoices over us. Rather, *the greatest blessing we receive is Jesus* -- that we are united to him and enjoy communion with the living God in and through Him. *He* is our greatest blessing. *He* is our greatest delight.

The result of seeing Christ’s glories in this way is that we long to sing and rejoice in him, we long to see and savor him as our great Savior and King. One of my favorite hymn texts is based on words by Samuel Rutherford, the seventeenth-century Scots Presbyterian divine, “The Sands of Time Are Sinking.” As he suffered for preaching the gospel of grace, Rutherford was able to turn his eyes to Jesus and savor him:

The King there in his beauty without a veil is seen;
It were a well-spent journey though sev’n deaths lay between:
The Lamb with his fair army doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom’s face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
Not at the crown he gifteth, but on his pierced hand:
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel’s land.

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Today we begin a new sermon series on the book of Ephesians, titled, United by Grace. Join us each week as we look into this “Queen of the Epistles,” and consider the blessings, identity & responsibilities that, by the grace of God, are ours in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS

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grace**

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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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