

We Enter into Worship...

Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Choir

Praise Ye the Lord

Call to Worship 1 Timothy 1:17

224 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Featured Element of Worship: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

British hymnologist Erik Routley calls this hymn “full of plump polysyllables.” Another scholar called it a flowery attempt to express the inexpressible. The hymn was inspired by the apostle Paul’s words to young Timothy: “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever” (1 Tim. 1:17, KJV). The writer of the hymn, Walter Chalmers Smith, was a pastor in the Free Church of Scotland for forty-four years (1850-1894). Though he wrote many hymns, this is the only one still in use today. In our day of casual Christianity and almost flippant prayer, we desperately need to catch glimpses of God’s incredible character. In these wonderful stanzas, we who “wither and perish” come face-to-face with our immortal, invisible, unchanging God. And amazingly, this great God, whom even polysyllables cannot adequately describe, loves us dearly.

From William & Ardythe Petersen, *The Complete Book of Hymns*

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Most holy and righteous God, we confess that our decisions are smoke and vapor. We do not glorify you or behave according to your will. Forgive us. Save us from ourselves: from the treachery of our perverse nature, from denying your charge against our offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends; for we know that all our thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from you. We have acted as if we hated you, though you are love itself. Our thoughts, words and deeds are evil in your sight. Drive us not from your presence, but wound our hearts that they may be healed; break them that you might make them whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaiah 44:22

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 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.

Unison Scripture Reading

Job 1:13-22

¹³Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁴and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁶While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁷While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." ¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, ¹⁹and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

²²In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Anthem

We Will Glorify

Choir

Pastoral Prayer

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I Cried Aloud to God for Help

PSALM 77:1-12

1. ¹I cried a - loud to God for help; I knew that God would hear.
2. ⁴You kept my eye from rest - ful sleep—so great my pain and woe.
3. ⁷“For - ev - er will the Lord re - ject and nev - er show his grace?
4. ¹⁰Then I re - plied, “Such ques - tions show my own in - fir - mi - ty,

²When I was plunged in deep dis - tress, I sought the Lord in prayer.
⁵I thought a - bout the for - mer days, the years of long a - go.
⁸Has he, his stead - fast love with - drawn, for - e’er his mer - cy ceased?
the firm right hand of God Most High thro’ years must change - less be.”

At night I stretched un - tir - ing hands, re - lief my soul re - fused.
⁶Through - out the night, the eve - ning watch, my songs I called to mind.
For - ev - er has his prom - ise failed? ⁹Is God no long - er kind?
¹¹The LORD’s deeds I re - mem - ber well, your works of old re - call;

³Re - mem - b’ring you, O God, I groaned with long - ing as I mused.
I pon - dered in my search - ing heart, an an - swer tried to find:
Has he in his great wrath dis - missed com - pass - ion from his mind?”
¹²Yes, I will pon - der all your acts and weigh your won - ders all.

Habakkuk 3:1-19

¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. ² O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. ³ God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. <i>Selah</i> ⁴ His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. ⁵ Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. ⁶ He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways.	⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. ⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? ⁹ You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. <i>Selah</i> You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. ¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear.	¹² You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. ¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. <i>Selah</i> ¹⁴ You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. ¹⁶ I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.	¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Sermon Outline: 1. Humble Acceptance 2. Awe-Inspired Worship 3. Joy-Filled Exultation
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We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

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.

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5. ¹³O God, most ho - ly are your ways. What god is great like you?
6. ¹⁶The wa - ters saw you, O my God; they saw and were a - fraid.
7. The whole earth shook and trem - bled then, ¹⁹your path was thro' the sea.

¹⁴You are the God by won - ders known, whose pow'r the na - tions view.
The ver - y depths be - came con - vulsed; ¹⁷the clouds poured down their rain.
Your way thro' might - y wa - ters led; your foot - prints none could see.

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¹⁵Your peo - ple you re - deemed, O LORD, with your al - might - y arm;
The thun - der rolled a - cross the skies as light - ning bolts were hurled.
²⁰Your peo - ple, like a flock of sheep, you guid - ed ev - 'ry day;

the sons of Ja - cob, Jo - seph's seed, you saved them from all harm.
¹⁸Your thun - der in the wind was heard; your light - ning lit the world.
by Mo - ses' and by Aa - ron's hand you led them on the way.

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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 Chuck Stevens in honor of God’s love for him, and for his brothers and sisters.

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).

Whaley’s Children’s Home - The Martha Mary Circle is also collecting \$5 gift cards from Walmart to donate to the Whaley Children’s Home. You can either donate cards or give money to Martha Mary Circle and they will get the cards. See Wanda Knight with questions.

Women’s Christmas Luncheon - Get your ticket today to attend the annual Women’s Christmas Luncheon in Frankenmuth. Tickets will be available after worship each Sunday throughout the month of November.

Christmas Decorations - After worship on November 23, the Diaconate will lead us in decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex so that they are ready for the start of Advent the following Sunday. Please plan to lend a helping hand as many hands make for light work!

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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

Learn much of your own heart; and when you have learned all you can, remember you have seen but a few yards into a pit that is unfathomable. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer. 17:9). Learn much of the Lord Jesus. For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ. He is altogether lovely. Such infinite majesty, and yet such meekness and grace, and all for sinners, even the chief! Live much in the smiles of God. Bask in his beams. Feel his all-seeing eye settled on you in love, and repose in his almighty arms. Cry after divine knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding. Seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasure, according to the word in Prov. 2:4. See that verse 10 be fulfilled in you. “Let wisdom enter into your hearts, and knowledge be pleasant to your soul,” so you will be delivered from the snares mentioned in the following verses. Let your soul be filled with a heart-ravishing sense of the sweetness and excellency of Christ and all that is in Him. Let the Holy Spirit fill every chamber of your heart; and so there will be no room for folly, or the world, or Satan, or the flesh.

When you gaze upon the sun, it makes everything else dark; when you taste honey, it makes everything else tasteless; so when your soul feeds on Jesus, it takes away the sweetness of all earthly things—praise, pleasure, and fleshly lusts all lose their sweetness. Keep a continued gaze. Run, looking unto Jesus. Look, till the way of salvation by Jesus fills up the whole horizon, so glorious and peace-speaking. Then will the world be crucified to you, and you unto the world.

Robert Murray McCheyne
Letter to Mr. George Shaw
Belfast, September 16, 1840

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
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK		
Tuesday		No Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	10:00	Martha Mary Circle
	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & a fellowship meal
	11:30	Sunday School

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 Matthew 19:23-30 (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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