

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

September 20, 2020

Prelude

Introit

Sue Lechota

Surely the Spirit of the Lord is in This Place

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

Hymn 227

How Great Thou Art

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Most just and gracious God, you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and truly trust in him. Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and your righteousness. We have not been content with your daily bread. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have cherished. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess that you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-6

The Gloria Patri

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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 Paul Cooper

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

Isaiah 41:8-20

Special Music

Sue Lechota

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 159

Abide with Me

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Psalm 6

Hymn 476

It Is Well with My Soul

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

Our Prayer of Confession was adapted from a prayer by Puritan Pastor, Richard Baxter.

Featured Element of Worship: How Great Thou Art

One day in 1885, the Swedish poet and politician, Carl Boberg, was walking home from church listening to the pleasant chiming of the church bells, when all of the sudden a great storm seemed to arise from nowhere. Loud claps of thunder, bright flashes of lightning, sweeping winds, and pouring rains overwhelmed his senses. Just as quickly as the storm arose though, it quickly gave way to a peaceful calm, with a beautiful rainbow in the sky and the gentle songs of birds filling his ears. Inspired by this experience and his own meditations on Psalm 8, Boberg wrote this hymn which was originally used in the persecuted underground church of late 19th century Sweden, but, upon being translated into English, eventually became one of the most widely sung hymns in the world.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

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Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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Swedish folk melody
Arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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Unison Scripture Reading – Isaiah 41:8-20 (ESV)

⁸ But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, “You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right
hand.
¹¹ Behold, all who are incensed against you
shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.
¹² You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.
¹³ For I, the LORD your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, “Fear not,
I am the one who helps you.”
¹⁴ Fear not, you worm Jacob,
you men of Israel!

I am the one who helps you, declares
the LORD;
your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
¹⁵ Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge,
new, sharp, and having teeth;
you shall thresh the mountains and crush
them,
and you shall make the hills like chaff;
¹⁶ you shall winnow them, and the wind shall
carry them away,
and the tempest shall scatter them.
And you shall rejoice in the LORD;
in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.
¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them;
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
¹⁸ I will open rivers on the bare heights,
and fountains in the midst of the valleys.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.
¹⁹ I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
²⁰ that they may see and know,
may consider and understand together,
that the hand of the LORD has done this,
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 • what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 • Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 • Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Sermon Text: Psalm 6 (ESV)

- 6 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD—how long?
- 4 Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- 6 I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- 7 My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- 8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

The Flowers adorning the Communion Table this morning were provided by the Diaconate

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