

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2020



CHRIST
EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (PCA)

Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

Minister: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy all the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r in love in purity

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Invocation

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, and 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.

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

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his 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 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

**The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has brought us nigh to God

continued

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes

He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown

He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood
Has secured our way to God

Call to Confession

Mark 7:14-16, 21-23

Minister: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Public Confession

Adapted from Luke 11:37-52

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Bible, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

Minister: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow thee
Naked poor despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shalt be

Perish ev'ry fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heav'n are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou are not like them untrue

Oh while thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me
Twill but drive me to thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest

Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with thee

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in ev'ry station
Something still to do or bear

Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of Heaven can'st thou repine

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Christian Unity"

John 17:20-23

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed
Where shall I see my Father's face
And in his bosom rest

I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
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I am bound for the promised land

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Benediction

Postlude

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