

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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

Selected Verses from Psalm 8

Minister: LORD, our LORD,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
When I consider your heavens,
 the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
 which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
 human beings that you care for them?
LORD, our LORD,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Let us worship the LORD's majestic name together!

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

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.*

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

Chorus

*Jesus paid it all
All to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
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Call to Confession Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #3, 4, 5
Minister: How do you come to know your misery?

People: The Law of God tells me.

Minister: What does God's law require of us?

People: Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Minister: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

People: No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. None of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent, we come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from Jesus. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 10:10-11, 13

Minister: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

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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

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

“A New Year, but Still Difficult Days”

Ruth 1:22b-2:23

Rev. Josh Rieger

The Service of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is fitting and right that we give You thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your name, saying, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory to God in the highest.”

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus 2x

Closing Song

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior
All will be well
Free and changeless is his favor
All is well

Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation
All is well

Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

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We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow
All is well

On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living and in dying
All must be well

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Yes in living and in dying
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Benediction

Postlude

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