

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 11, 2021



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

Psalm 135:1-3

Minister: Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Let us praise the Lord 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 Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

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

Love Divine

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fill us with thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in thee inherit
Let us find thy promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty at liberty

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Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Nevermore thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing
Glory in thy perfect in thy perfect love

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee
Lost in wonder love in wonder love and praise

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:36-40

Minister: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God who keeps the covenant of love with all who love you and obey you and obey your commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled. We have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your Word. We are a people of unclean lips. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor upon this congregation and the land in which we live. Send your Spirit to turn us from our evil ways. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear our prayer; forgive our sin; heal our land. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 6:5-7

Minister: If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

And when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Evelyn Ann Owens

Pastoral Prayer (11:00)

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

"Do You Love Me?"

John 21:15-17

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word
What more can he say than to you he hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to his foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

Benediction

Postlude

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