

Order of Worship

January 3, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Hebrews 1:1-3 (ESV)

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Congregation: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Song of Praise

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
5. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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Call to Confession

Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

Leader: Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Song of Confession

From Depths of Woe (From Psalm 130)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, a voice of lamentation.

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, and hear my supplication.

If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (*Who shall stand before Thee?*)

2. To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth.

Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
and live alone by mercy. (*Live alone by mercy.*)

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit.

On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit.

His promised mercy is my fort; my comfort and my sweet support.
I wait for it with patience. (*Wait for it with patience.*)

4. What thought I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth.

My heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth.

Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed,
and wait 'til God appeareth. (*Wait 'til God appeareth.*)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.

His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free,
from all their sin and sorrow. (*All their sin and sorrow.*)

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Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:5-8 (ESV)

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Offering

*Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18 (ESV)

*Pastoral Prayer

Morning Message

The Lord's Table

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

This Week's Birthdays

January 6, Kevin Misbach, Bonnie Odle, Drew Reber, Donn Treese;
January 8, Claire Bilger, Heath Sprague; January 11, Esther Branam;
January 12, Todd Gordon