

# A SERVICE OF THE WORD

July 16, 2023

The Prelude

The Welcome & Announcements

The Silent Preparation

## -THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.'

### Hymn – *Come People of the Risen King*

1. Come, people of the risen King,  
who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

#### Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
oh, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace. *[Refrain]*

3. Come, young and old from ev'ry land,  
men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands;  
find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing;  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
"Our God is all in all". *[Refrain]*

### The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

## **-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-**

### **The Call to Confession**

Isaiah 59:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; <sup>2</sup> but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. <sup>4</sup> No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

### **The Confession of Sin**

- ❖ Silent Prayers of Confession
- ❖ General Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (*Adapted from Ps 51:1-12*)

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 59:15b-16

<sup>15b</sup> The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. <sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

### **Hymn #457**

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

1. Jesus, thy blood and righteousness  
my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
with joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day;  
for who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
3. When from the dust of death I rise  
to claim my mansion in the skies,  
e'en then this shall be all my plea,  
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.
4. Jesus, be endless praise to thee,  
whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
for me a full atonement made,  
an everlasting ransom paid.
5. O let the dead now hear thy voice;  
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;  
their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

## **The Prayer of the Church**

Colossians 4:2

<sup>2</sup>Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

### **-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-**

#### **The Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, <sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup> if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; <sup>7</sup> he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, <sup>8</sup> guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

#### **The New Testament Reading**

Colossians 2:1-6

<sup>1</sup> For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

#### **The Sermon**

Shane Rosenthal

*Wisdom & Folly*  
Proverbs 9

#### **Hymn #404**

*The Church's One Foundation*

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4. The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her,  
and false sons in her pale,  
against both foe and traitor  
she ever shall prevail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

### **The Confession of Faith**

*Westminster Confession 1.9*

*(From Chapter 1: "Of The Holy Scripture")*

Unison:

The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

## **-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-**

### **\*The Closing Prayer**

**The Doxology** – *Gloria Patri (Tune: Regent Square #213)*

Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be.