



MARCH 24, 2024

**The Order of Worship
6 P.M.**

We worship God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is worthy of praise for who he is and what he has done as our Creator and Savior. When we worship together, God is present with us, his people, and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue between God and us, as he speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. We only do what God specifically commands in the Scriptures in our worship because God said about how he is to be worshiped, "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."

Prelude

Announcements: Pastor Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation

As the service begins, we remember that we worship God at his gracious initiative and invitation to us in Jesus Christ. Every worship service begins with God's greeting of grace and call to worship from his word, which we respond to with praise and prayer.

God's Greeting

God's Call to Worship Psalm 22:23

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Hymn: #335 *Praise the Savior Now and Ever*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Psalm: # 22A *My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me* (vv.1, 7-11)

In all the parts of our worship where God speaks to us, he does so through his Word, the Scriptures. God commands, "the public reading of Scripture," so that we may know God, what he has done for us, and what he requires of us.

Scripture Reading Psalm 69 (Bible p.482)

We respond to hearing God's word by acknowledging our sins, both the ways we fail to do what God requires and the ways we do what he forbids, with a prayer of confession, typically said in union. After confessing our sins, God assures us of his forgiveness and acceptance of us with a promise from his Word for those who turn from their sins in repentance and rely upon Jesus for forgiveness and acceptance with God. We respond to his grace and acts of redemption with thanks and praise in song.

Prayer of Confession (in unison) From *The Liturgy of the Church of Nigeria*.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against our neighbors, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hymn #351 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Next, we come before God in prayer, to praise him, give thanks for his many blessings, ask him to provide for our needs, and to intercede for the needs of others in the church and the world.

Prayer for God's People

At the heart of our worship service is hearing God through preaching from his Word. In the sermon, God's Word is read, explained, and applied to our lives so that we repent, turning back to God from our sins, and renew our faith in Jesus and what he has done to deliver us from our sins. Before the sermon, we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may hear God's word with understanding.

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text: John 19:28-30 (Bible p.906)

Title: What is Finished?

We respond to what God has done for us in Jesus by joyfully expressing our thanks and praise in song.

Hymn #339 *Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

Worship Leader and Preacher: Pastor Zach Siggins

Musician: Sara Meilahn Tyson

Sound: Pete Sorkness