



JUNE 9, 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: Mr. Sandy Finlayson

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 30:4-5

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Hymn: #403 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Hymn: #450 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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 Hebrews 11:8-16 (Bible p.1007)

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 from John Calvin

Father in heaven, we praise you for your kindness in daily convicting us of sin and also declaring yourself ready to forgive all who truly repent. Please pardon us for the many ways we have offended you, and teach us not to be stubborn, nor to flee from you, but to be affected with a sense of your judgment, so that we may continue to seek the reconciliation that has been obtained for us by the blood of your only-begotten Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Psalm: #23B *The Lord's My Shepherd*

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

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: Rev. Dave Holmlund

Text: Psalm 120 (Bible p.516)

Title: Calling to the Lord in the Ascent

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

Hymn #524 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

Worship Leader: Mr. Sandy Finlayson, Elder

Preacher: Rev. Dave Holmlund, Regional Home Missionary

Accompanist: Joanna Grove

Sound: Juhan Song