



JULY 7, 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 34:8-11

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Hymn: #162 *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Psalm: #34C *Through All the Changing Scenes of Life*

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 2 Corinthians 3-4 (Bible p.965)

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) Taken from *The Form of Ecclesiastical Prayers of Strassburg*, 1545.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge in ourselves and confess as truth, that we are not worthy to lift up our eyes to heaven to present ourselves in your presence, and that if you were to look at what is in us we should not presume that our prayers be answered by you, for our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us and we know that you are a righteous Judge, who does not acquit sinners and the wicked, but punishes the faults of those who have transgressed your commandments. Thus, Lord, as we consider our whole life, we are ashamed in our hearts, and we can do nothing other than to beat ourselves and despair, as though we were already in the abyss of death.

Nevertheless, Lord, since it has pleased you, in your infinite mercy, to command us to call upon you even from the depths of hell; and since the more we grow faint in ourselves the more we find our refuge in your sovereign goodness; and since you have promised to receive our requests and supplications, not considering what is our own dignity, but through the name and merit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have established as our intercessor and advocate, as we renounce all human confidence, we are emboldened by your sheer goodness to present ourselves before you and call upon your holy name in order to receive grace and mercy. Therefore, Lord, look at the face of your Christ and not us, that by his intercession your wrath might be appeased and your face might shine upon us in joy and salvation; and be pleased from now on to guide us in your holiness and govern us by your Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 3:3-6

³ And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. ⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Hymn: #340 *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

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: Mr. Juhan Song

Text: 2 Kings 6:8-23 (Bible p.312)

Title: Eyes to See What Is Unseen

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

Hymn #478 *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

Worship Leader: Pastor Zach Siggins

Preacher: Mr. Juhan Song

Musician: Carolynne Waddington

Sound: Pete Sorkness