



Morning Worship and Communion Service

11:15 A.M.

February 2, 2025

We worship the one true and living 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 and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue as God speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. In our worship, we only do what God commands 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 104:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

Psalm 104A *Bless the Lord, My Soul* (vv. 1-5, 11)

Opening Prayer

Having come into God's presence, we read from the commandments in his word as the standard of righteousness required of us. Because we have not met this standard, the reading serves as a call to confess our sins.

Reading of the Law and Call to Confession Exodus 20:1-17 (Bible p.61)

We respond to hearing God's commandments 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 union) *The Book of Common Worship*, 1993.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Matthew 26:27-28

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn 278 *Nothing but the Blood*

Because we worship God together as one body, we confess our faith in unison, using a statement of faith from one of the creeds, confessions of faith, or catechisms used in the history of the church.

Confession of Faith (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; He suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits 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.

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 Amos 9:11-15 (Bible p.771)

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. We conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

God's people have always worshiped God by giving to him from all that he gives to us. In the Old Testament, God's people were commanded to bring offerings, which provided for the sacrifices. In the New Testament, Jesus gave himself the final sacrificial offering and Christians are called to give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially in response. Afterward, we sing our praise and thanks using the Doxology.

Offering and Doxology (Hymn #570)

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.

Prayer for Understanding

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text John 2:1-11 (Bible p.887)

Title Water to Wine: The Sign and Significance

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

Hymn 202 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly to remember the death of Jesus and to look forward to the communion with him we will enjoy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Because the broken body and shed blood of Jesus is pictured in the bread and the cup and Christ is spiritually present when we partake with faith, we truly eat his body and drink his blood. All baptized members of a Christian Church who have professed their faith are invited to come to the Lord's Table if they seek forgiveness and freedom from their sins through Jesus, unless otherwise prohibited. Because this meal also reminds us of our unity and communion with one another, we wait to partake together. Both wine and grape juice are served, and the communion bread is gluten free.

The Lord's Supper

Diaconal Offering

Hymn 200 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

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Worship Leader and Preacher: Pastor Zach Siggins

Musician Sara Meilahn Tyson