

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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Let us stand as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now calls His Church into His presence to worship Him. I ask you this morning:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, on Whom must we focus as we come to worship today?

Our help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

(Continue)

Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

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Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.

Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 105:1-5

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Opening Prayer

(Prayer in Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Merciful God and our Father in Heaven, we confess our abundant sin before you. We also know that in You there is fullness of righteousness and abundant mercy. Thus, we pray for Your forgiveness. We are so much in need of daily restoration. Please come and change our weakness into strength and our rebellion into willingness to serve our Lord Jesus Christ wholeheartedly every day of our lives. We pray in Jesus Name. Amen

(End)

Hymn 63 (1,4,5)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Please stand, if you are able.

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Continue)

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Continue)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(End)

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS,
TO REPENT, AND TO RECONCILED**

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Prayer led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

Hymn 56

“To God Be the Glory”

Please stand, if you are able.

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

(Continue)

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood -
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

(Continue)

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Continue)

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

(End)

We Profess Our Faith
Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 39

Please stand, if you are able.

Q. 104. What does God require in the fifth commandment?

(Continue)

A. That I show all honor, love, and fidelity to my father and mother and all in authority over me, and submit myself to their good instruction and correction with due obedience; and also patiently bear with their weaknesses and infirmities, since it pleases God to govern us by their hand.

(End)

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 56

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to

Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7

Prayer

(Led by a Ruling Elder)

The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Please stand, if you are able.

New Testament Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Hymn 690

“He Leadeth Me”

Please stand, if you are able.

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

(Continue)

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

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And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

(End)

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US
THROUGH HIS WORD**

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:1-8

Sermon

“You and Authority (2)”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND
TO HIS WORD**

Prayer

Hymn 638

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Please stand, if you are able.

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

(Continue)

I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

(Continue)

I need Thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

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I need Thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way; the Lord be with all of you.

2 Thess. 3:16

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”