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## Order of Worship

February 16, 2025

### Reflection

Looking at the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5, I can't help observing that any notion of holiness that makes us less loving, less kind, less joyful, less patient, less peaceful, etc. is, well... mistaken. Holiness is love on fire not condescension on ice.

- David Cassidy

### Prelude

*As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.*

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 89*

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD,  
forever.

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim your  
faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established  
forever.

**People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the  
heavens! Praise the Lord!**

### Song

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,

For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness  
And mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

### Prayer of Adoration

Our Father, rich in mercy, splendid in grace, wisdom and justice go before you; peace and righteousness are at your right hand. Lord of heaven above, you are God and you alone. Give ear to our prayers in the name of Jesus, for we would worship you in him. He is our great high priest; He is our intercessor and mediator. Give ear to our prayers that we might serve you as a royal priesthood, your own people, for you are our God and you alone. To you be all honor, all praise and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 21*  
Minister: What is true faith?

**All: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

### Doxology

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him with 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!

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we confess that we have fled when you have sought, we have stopped our ears when you spoke, we have forgotten the good you bring, and we have despised your correction. Yet, in our lostness, you have sent Christ to help us: he is our mediator, our redeemer, whose blood is our peace, whose righteousness is our strength, whose condemnation is our freedom, whose Spirit is our power, and whose heaven is our heritage. Grant us the strength of your grace to subdue that within us that must be changed, in loosing us from those things that would bind, supporting us in trials, near us in temptation, cleansing our consciences of offense before you and others. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

*Let Your Kingdom Come*

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are

We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

Chorus:  
Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath (Chorus x2)

Words of Pardon and Comfort

*Ephesians 1:7*

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches  
of his grace.

Song

*Holiness*

Holiness, holiness is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need  
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me

Chorus:

So, take my heart and form it  
Take my mind and transform it  
Take my will and conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me  
(Chorus)

Brokenness, brokenness is what I long for  
Brokenness is what I need  
Brokenness, brokenness is what You want from me  
(Chorus)

*(Children through Kindergarten are dismissed for  
Children's Church; they will return for Communion.)*

Prayer of Intercession

*Concluded by the Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on  
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 forever. Amen.**

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Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

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Scripture

*Acts 16:19-40*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*"True Freedom"*

*You Will Be My Witnesses: The Book of Acts*

Song

*And Can It Be*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be That  
Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus:  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me! (Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own (Chorus)



## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat the bread and drink the elements. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer (see Prayers on page 14) and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are offered. Gluten-free bread is also available.*

## Words of Institution

### Memorial Acclamation

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Song

*Never Once*

Standing on this mountaintop  
Looking just how far we've come  
Knowing that for every step You were with us

Kneeling on this battleground  
Seeing just how much You've done  
Knowing every victory was Your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Yes, our hearts can say

Never once did we ever walk alone  
Never once did You leave us on our own  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Never once, did we ever walk alone  
Carried by Your constant grace  
Held within Your perfect peace  
Never once, no, we never walk alone

Never once did we ever walk alone  
Never once did You leave us on our own

You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
Every step we are breathing in Your grace  
Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

You are faithful, God, You are faithful (3x)

Song

*All I Have is Christ*

I once was lost in darkest night,  
Yet thought I knew the way;  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will,  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,  
Indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed,  
You suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me;  
Now all I know is grace!

Chorus:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be:  
My only boast is You. (Chorus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song

*Joy Unspeakable*

I have found His grace is all complete  
He supplieth ev'ry need  
While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet  
I am free yes free indeed

Chorus:

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory  
Full of glory full of glory  
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory  
Oh the half has never yet been told

I have found the pleasure I once craved  
It is joy and peace within  
What a wondrous blessing I am saved  
From the awful gulf of sin (Chorus)

I have found that hope so bright and clear  
Living in the realm of grace  
Oh the Saviour's presence is so near  
I can see His smiling face (Chorus)

I have found the joy no tongue can tell  
How its waves of glory roll  
It is like a great o'erflowing well  
Springing up within my soul (Chorus)

## Benediction

## Postlude

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## **Prayers**

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:* Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment:* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.