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## Order of Worship

February 23, 2025

### Reflection

The Old Testament may be likened to a chamber richly furnished but dimly lighted; the introduction of light brings into it nothing which was not in it before; but it brings out into clearer view much of what is in it but was only dimly or even not at all perceived before.

- B.B. Warfield

### Prelude

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 148*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Leader: Let all praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up for his people a place of strength, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD!**

Song

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

Rejoice the Lord is King  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above (Refrain)

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n: (Refrain)

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home: (Refrain)

### Prayer of Adoration

Our glorious God, we gather this morning to worship you, our God, who brought us out of darkness and into the light of your Son. Be pleased with our worship this morning, as we worship in Spirit and in truth, knowing that we have been set free from sin through your great love for us. Amen.

### Affirmation of Faith

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 1-2*

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

**All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.**

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

### 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

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord.**

**Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,**

**the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,**

**our secret and our whispering sins,**

**our presumptuous and our careless sins,**

**the sins we have done to please ourselves,**

**and the sins we have done to please others.**

**Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not;**

**Forgive them, O Lord,**

**Forgive them all because of your great goodness.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

*Upon A Life I Have Not Lived*

Upon a life I have not lived,  
Upon a death I did not die,  
Another's life; Another's death,  
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,  
Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs,  
On these I rest, on these alone.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on  
What Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my life and death I read,  
My guilt, and pardon there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,  
As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,  
As one who has Thy gift received. (Chorus)

Upon a life I have not lived,  
Upon a death I did not die,  
Another's life; Another's death,  
I stake my whole eternity.

Words of Pardon and Comfort

*Psalm 103:8-12*

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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)

*(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 17:1-15*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*"Turning the World Upside Down"  
You Will Be My Witnesses: The Book of Acts*

Song

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast



Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last (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

*I am Resolved*

I am resolved no longer to linger  
Charmed by the world's delight  
Things that are higher  
Things that are nobler  
These have allured my sight

Chorus:

I will hasten to Him  
Hasten so glad and free  
Jesus greatest highest  
I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Savior  
Leaving my sin and strife  
He is the true one  
He is the just one  
He hath the words of life (Chorus)

I am resolved to follow the Savior  
Faithful and true each day  
Heed what He sayeth  
Do what He willeth  
He is the living way (Chorus)

I am resolved to enter the kingdom  
Leaving the paths of sin  
Friends may oppose me  
Foes may beset me  
Still will I enter in (Chorus)

Song

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Jesus, keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul  
Love and mercy found me  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me (Chorus)

Near the cross, O Lamb of God  
Bring its scenes before me  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me (Chorus)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river (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

*To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He has 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.

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 has done!

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. (Refrain)

Great things He has taught us,  
Great things He has 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. (Refrain)

## 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.