

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on 1 John 1:5-9

Leader This is the message we have heard and declare to you:

All **God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him.**

Leader If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness,
we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

All **If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Leader If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

All **If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Opening Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

All

**Praise, my soul, the king of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, his praise should sing?
Come and worship, come and worship—praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Come and worship, come and worship—glorious in his faithfulness.**

**God our Father tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Come and worship, come and worship—widely as his mercy goes.**

**Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Come and worship, come and worship—praise with us the God of grace!
Come and worship, come and worship—praise with us the God of grace!**

words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834, based on Psalm 103; music: Nathan Partain, 2000

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-11

Leader

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Hear your Father's loving words:
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

All

**But we think our understanding is more true than what you've said.
Our feelings, opinions, and personal ethics judge your words.
Though we are creatures, limited and skewed,
we think we know what is good, healthy, and right.
So we live as though our thoughts are higher than your thoughts.**

Leader

Hear your Father say again:
the way you do things is not the way I do things.

All

**But we don't think our ways, motives and desires
should be shaped by anyone but ourselves.
We think we know what love is,
not realizing that we are shallow, inconsistent, and self-centered.
With a log in our own eye, we try to fix the brokenness
of our relationships, our city, and our world,
without regard for your word.
So we live as though you should do things
the way we would do things.**

Leader

Everything good comes from knowing and following your Father's heart.

All

And we cannot know or follow him without receiving and submitting to his word.

Leader

Father, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to understand,

All

That we may turn and be healed.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 55; John 1; Hebrews 12

Leader Hear the power and forgiveness of the good news:

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

All **It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

Leader The Lord has sent forth his Word
who was with him in the beginning.

All **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.**

Leader God's Word was silenced at the cross,
as sin and death shut his mouth.

All **But the Word was raised,
and his blood now speaks a better word.**

Leader This reversal stands as an everlasting sign,

All **To show the unique glory of our LORD,
that will never be silenced.**

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

All

**Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus!—lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me; he, my savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; he, my strength, my vict’ry wins.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking; he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

Song in the Gospel

“Abide In Me”

All

Abide in me, O Lord, and I in Thee;
From this good hour, oh, leave me nevermore.
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o’er.

Abide in me; o’ershadow by Thy love,
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;
Quench ere it rise each selfish, low desire;
And keep my soul as Thine, calm and divine.

We raise our voices to the father. He hears our prayers through His son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So, when Thou dwellest in a mortal soul,
All heaven’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.

Abide in me; there have been moments blest,
When I have heard Thy voice and felt Thy power;
Then evil lost its grasp; and passion, hushed,
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.

We raise our voices to the father. He hears our prayers through His son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.

These were but seasons beautiful and rare;
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfill at once Thy precept and my prayer,
Dome, and abide in me, and I in Thee.

We raise our voices to the father. He hears our prayers through His son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.

words: Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music: Nathan Partain, 2002

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Preparation for the Word

Based on Psalm 119:105

Leader Your word is a lamp to our feet;
All **Without it we cannot see.**

Leader And a light upon our path;
All **Without it we lose our way.**

Scripture

John 5:31-47

Reader

³¹ “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ “I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

*Reader
People*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

God’s Word Believes in Jesus

Life as Worship

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Valediction

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Leader Through Jesus, we became one body.

All **We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit
and so all of us were formed into one body.**

Leader It didn't matter that we were not the same race
or social status or had anything else
in common at all.

All **We were all given the same Spirit to drink
and so were formed into one body
with many different functions and gifts.**

Leader Father, we lack the fullness of your body here
and even those who are present now
have barriers of distance and masks.

All **We can only worship in part,
can only commune in part,
can only rejoice in part,
can only be built up in part.**

Leader Lord, we come to you separated,
yet longing for our community
to be together again.

All **Jesus, for your glory and our good,
come and heal
and make our joy complete.**

Departing Hymn

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

All

**I know that my Redeemer lives; glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives; glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives, he lives, who once was dead; glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head; glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives to crush the fiends of hell; glory hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; glory hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives to bless me with His love; glory hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above; glory hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives all glory to his name; glory hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same; glory hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

words: Samuel Medley, 1775; music: F. C. Wood, 1850

Song of Celebration

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Ensemble

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev’ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev’ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His Name.

Let every creature rise and bring honor and glory to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud “amen!”

words: Isaac Watts; music: John Hatton

Song of Celebration

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Ensemble

I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger, traveling through this world of woe.
Yet there’s no sickness, toil nor danger, in that bright land to which I go.
I’m going there to see my father; I’m going there, no more to roam.
I’m just going over Jordan, I’m just going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather ’round me, I know my way is rough and steep.
Yet golden fields lie just before me, where God’s redeemed their vigil keep.
I’m going there to see my mother; she said she’d meet me when I come.
I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory, when I get home to that good land.
I want to shout salvation’s story, in concert with the blood-washed band.
I’m going there to meet my Savior; to sing his praise forever more.
I’m just going over Jordan, I’m just going over home.

I’ll soon be free from every trial, my body sleep in the old churchyard;
I’ll drop the cross of self-denial, and enter on my great reward.
I’m going there to see my savior; to be with him evermore.
I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going over home.

Traditional

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