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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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A WORD ON WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

We set our hearts on many things — material possessions, having a girlfriend or boyfriend, getting married, having children and grandchildren, getting a new job. None of these good gifts serve as a source of lasting joy and satisfaction. Only the Lord can fill that “God-shaped vacuum in our souls” of which Blaise Pascal spoke.

We have come this morning to seek the Lord. God’s Word calls us: “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near” (Isaiah 55:6). However, the great obstacle that we all face in seeking the Lord is our self-sufficient pride. Therefore, humility is essential to seeking the Lord. God’s Word says, “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time” (1 Peter 5:6). For those who truly seek Him, He will be found (1 Chronicles 28:9). And when He is found, you will experience His reward. “Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Therefore, what should you get out of this worship service? Simply put in one word: God!

ADORE GOD’S GREATNESS

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Emperor’s Fanfare” Antonio Soler
Samuel Metzger, organ

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Jeff Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan G. Burns

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 4 “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” . . MIT FRUEDEN ZART
stanzas 1-4

♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MIT FRUEDEN ZART

**Ye who confess Christ’s holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father’s pow’r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**

**Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!**

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

*Anna-Faith Elizabeth Bennett, born March 5, 2015, daughter of Rachel and Chad Bennett
Samuel Wallace Bennett, born September 25, 2015, son of Rachel and Chad Bennett
James Hughes Sayle, Jr., born February 24, 2016, son of Mallory and Jim Sayle
Frank Philips Thompson, born May 3, 2016, son of Chancey and Tread Thompson
Marco Christopher Vitullo, born May 2, 2016, son of Crystal and Chris Vitullo*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

SAVOR GOD’S COMFORT

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all comfort and Father of tender mercies,
grant us to truly mourn over our sin,
knowing that You never fail to comfort us.
Make our hearts a suitable home for Your Son, our Savior.
Clear away all the obstacles in us that hinder His reign.
We ask Your forgiveness for the unbelief, unforgiveness, and pride
that inflict spiritual havoc in our lives and relationships.
Take us by the hand and lead us to Jesus,
for He bore all our sin in His body
when He died on the tree,
so that we might know Your everlasting comfort.
We ask this for Your glory and our good in Jesus’ name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE (11:00) “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People. . . AUSTRIAN HYMN



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each
3. For the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert



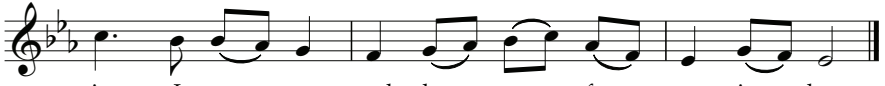
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; all that well de - served his an - ger he no
far and near, bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the



'neath their sor - row's load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y days,
king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!



of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her
now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a - way; let the val - leys



sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is done.
pin - ing sad - ness in - to e - ver - spring - ing joy.
rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to him.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.Richard G. Cain

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth,
For the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house,
They praise Thy name evermore.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEAUSTRIAN HYMN

**Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As it befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token,
That His Word is never broken.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

EXPERIENCE GOD'S RENEWAL

✦GREETINGS

PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM REPORTRobert J. Coleman

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)Jennie Brooks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: II Chronicles 12:1-12. Rusty Shappley (8:15)
(page 367 in the pew Bible) Blanche Tosh (11:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Spiritual Revival: Humble Yourself* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S WORK: “In Christ Alone”Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” . . Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing

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