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January 12, 2020  
*Epiphany Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

The Church has always practiced some manner of corporate profession of faith. In the Old Testament, worshipers recited the Shema: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:13-21). Likewise, in the New Testament there are examples of possible early creeds, like the "Christ Hymn" found in the last 6 verses of today's responsive reading (Philippians 2:6-11).

As we come to the Lord's Table this morning, we will be reading The Apostles' Creed, which declares the most basic and unalterable facts about the Christian faith and can be confessed by every Christian.

There are many reasons it is good to state our faith corporately. First, we are one family in this struggle called the Christian life and one army in this battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. As we say the Creed, let us imagine standing shoulder to shoulder as His one body, in a line of defense against hell's strongholds, declaring our faith to Christ in the presence of His and our cosmic enemies.

Second, we use this and other creeds as encouragement, for they summarize God's great plan for saving sinners like us. Therefore, as we join together for worship and profess our faith corporately, let us do so boldly and joyfully! For in Christ's victory over the grave, all of His and our enemies are conquered, and we are saved!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Fugue in G minor" . . . . . J.S. Bach  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Nearer, My God To Thee" . . . . . Dawson Hull  
*Emily Hancock, clarinet; Clay Hancock, violin*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Brandon Terry

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 257 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" . . . . . MADRID  
*Words: Christian Bateman / Music: David Evans, arr. Metzger / Psalm 95:1*

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11 . . . . . Ethan Knight (8:15)  
Haley Overcast (11:00)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,  
any affection and sympathy,

**complete my joy by being of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
but also to the interests of others.**

Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Words: Robert Liddon / Music: Heinrich Reimann / Luke 2:13-14*

**Glory to God, His name we laud;  
Our Father, love He shows us.  
And to His Son our praises run;  
He understands and knows us.  
To Holy Ghost our thanks shall be,  
To God fore'er in persons three.  
His loving care enfolds us.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" . . . . . Dan Forrest

*Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Dan Forrest / Hebrews 7:25*

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Gerry Peak

GREETINGS

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Please stand*)

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Every Praise" . . . . . Hezekiah Walker

*Words and Music: Hezekiah Walker and John David Bratton; arr. Dan Galbraith | Psalm 150  
This is our Hymn of the Month.*

**Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship in one accord.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God.**

**Sing hallelujah to our God,  
Glory hallelujah is to our God.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God.**

**God, my Savior; God, my Healer; God, my Deliverer.  
Yes, He is! Yes, He is!**

*Greg Mason, soloist*

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Matthew 6:9-15  
*(pages 811 in pew Bible)*

*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.** *(Isaiah 40:6b-8)*

SERMON *Connect with God's People* Ken McHeard

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat.*

*For those in the balcony, please remain seated, and the elements will be served to you in your pew.  
All communion wafers are gluten free.*

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI . . . . . GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,  
we thank You for the Gospel of Jesus which tells us  
that the One who possesses real authority to assert His rights  
lays them aside to humbly serve and die for us.  
But we confess, in our pride,  
we often haven't responded to the Gospel faithfully.  
We have denied You with silence, passivity, and cowardice.  
Rather than live for Your Kingdom, we have sought to build our own.  
For these things we ask Your forgiveness and Your enabling grace.  
Transform us into courageous ambassadors for Christ  
and help us in the work of making earth as it is in heaven.  
For we pray in the name of the One to whom every knee will bow  
and every tongue confess, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....II Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*During this time, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.*

**"Lord, Have Mercy".....Steve Merkel**

*Words and Music: Steve Merkel / Exodus 33:19*

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.*

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing, without end.  
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christy Young, Jauna Ellis, and Calvin Ellis, trio*

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" . . . . . HYFRYDOL

*Words: J. Wilbur Chapman / Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard / Matthew 11:19*

**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 victory wins.**

**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.**

**Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.**

**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.**

"Behold the Lamb" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Ezekiel 44:16*

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you, eat and remember.  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you, drink and remember.  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♣HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Ezekiel 44:16*

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond — and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

♣BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

♣CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Crown Imperial" . . . . . William Walton; arr. Metzger

♣Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Brad Jones, piano; Joe Mariencheck, bass guitar; Earl Lowe, drums*