

(July 31, 2022)

PRELUDE

(We are beginning the service at this time. Out of respect for others, please silence your phones, halt your conversations, and quietly prepare your hearts for worship and praise.)

A silent prayer for your preparation to worship: Gracious God, we come together this day to worship and praise You; to be reminded of the gift of grace and life that You have made possible for us through Jesus Christ; and that we may be filled with Your Holy Spirit of truth. Open our hearts and our minds that we may hear and understand the message that You have for us. Put us on the path that you would have us walk. Help us to grow closer to You and to one another as Your Holy Spirit works to conform us to the image of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

***THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

***PRAISE SONG** “*Indescribable*” - Chris Tomlin

*From the highest of high,
To the depths of the sea
Creation’s revealing Your majesty*

*From the colors of fall
To the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique
In the song that it sings
All exclaiming*

*Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God*

*All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim*

You are amazing, God

*Who has told every lightning bolt
Where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow?*

*Who imagined the sun
And gave source to its light?
Yet conceals it to bring us
The coolness of night?
None can fathom*

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And You know them by name
You are amazing, God*

*All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God*

*Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing, God*

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107)

(Read Psalm 107:1-2, 31-32; “Let us praise and worship our God in the congregation; let us proclaim His goodness to the nations.”)

***HYMN** “*Ye Servants of God*” #153

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.*

*God ruleth on high, almighty to save
and still he is nigh, his presence we have
the great congregation his triumph shall sing
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*‘Salvation to God who sits on the throne!’
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Holy and righteous God, You have given us your Word to guide us and lead us forward. Yet too often we choose the paths and the things in the world that we prefer instead of going where You tell us to go. We seek those who would tell us what we want to hear instead of telling us the truth You have given us. Forgive us our rebellion and our self-centeredness. Grant us Your grace and Your mercy, that through the power of the Holy Spirit we may walk in your ways and glorify You in all things - and that we may trust that You know what is best for us. Amen.)

Silence for Personal Confession

Words of Assurance: (In Christ, and only in Christ, we have been forgiven our sins and have been reconciled back to God. This is a gift of grace that we cannot earn. Thanks be to God for His love, His grace, and His mercy - given to us in Jesus. Amen.)

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Titus 1:5-16

“*Elder Qualifications*”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

2 Timothy 4:1-5

“*Fulfill Your Ministry*”

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***HYMN** “*Lift High the Cross*” #237

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore sacred name*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God*

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore sacred name*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine*

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore sacred name*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee*

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore sacred name*

*Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace*

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore sacred name*

*For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne*

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore sacred name*

***THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 28:16-20

THE SERMON “ITCHING EARS (AND SOME HARD TRUTHS)”

***PRAISE SONG** “O Come to the Altar” - Elevation Worship

*Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling*

*Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling*

*O come to, the altar
The Father’s arms are open wide
Forgiveness, was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there’s no reason to wait
Jesus is calling*

*Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling*

*O come to, the altar
The Father’s arms are open wide
Forgiveness, was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*Oh what a Savior
Isn’t He wonderful
Sing Hallelujah!*

Christ is risen!

*Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah!
Christ is risen!*

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The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you found*

PRAYERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE OFFERTORY

FAREWELL THOUGHTS

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,*

*Praise Him above you heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

BENEDICTION *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”* **#782**
(Matthew 28:16-20... Go forth this day with the blessing of God to fulfill the Great Commission given to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior - to make disciples of all people - to baptize and to teach them to obey all that Christ commanded us... to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Know that Christ is with you, wherever you go, and the Holy Spirit will give you the strength to proclaim salvation in Christ to others. And may God bless you and keep you as you live a life that glorifies our risen Lord. Amen.)

*Sent forth by God’s blessing
Our true faith confessing
The people of God
From His dwelling take leave*

*The service is ended
O now be extended
The fruits of our worship
In all who believe*

*The seed of His teaching
Receptive hearts reaching
Shall blossom in action
For God and for all*

*His grace did invite us
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom
And answer His call*

POSTLUDE

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