

THE DIVINE SERVICE

We have come together as the corporate body of Christ to be renewed by our Father; and worship in response through the power of the Holy Spirit. As you enter the sanctuary, please be seated and quiet your heart from the distractions of the world and prepare yourself to worship the living God.

Greeting and Announcements

Elder David Grayson

(Please stand)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Ezekiel 43:1-6

Pastor Scott Moreland

WE WORSHIP HIM IN SONG

“Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!”

Hymn # 19 (Red Hymnal)

**Thee we adore, eternal Lord! We praise thy name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here thy goodness see, Through all the world do worship thee.
Through all the world do worship thee.**

**To thee aloud all angels cry, The heavens and all the pow'rs on high:
Thee, holy, holy, holy king, Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.**

**Apostles join the glorious throng, And prophets swell th'immortal song;
Thy martyrs' noble army raise Eternal anthems to thy praise.
Eternal anthems to thy praise.**

**From day to day, O Lord, do we Exalt and highly honor thee!
Thy name we worship and adore, World without end, for evermore.
World without end, for evermore. A-MEN.**

WE WORSHIP HIM WITH A PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

(Please be seated)

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Colossians 3:5-10

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER AND PRIVATELY

(Some choose to kneel as a visible sign of their heart's contrition; you are welcome to join them.)

**Merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature—prone to evil slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. *Personal Prayer of Confession*
(Silent Prayer) Amen**

(Please stand)

GOD DECLARES OUR PARDON

Revelation 21:1-6

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S MERCY

“What Wondrous Love is This”
Hymn # 261 (Red Hymnal)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on. A-MEN.

(Please remain standing)

GOD PREPARES US TO HEAR HIS WORD

Jeremiah 7:5-6, 9-11; 8:13

(Leader reads the light print, congregation responds with bold and indented print)

“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm,

then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations?

**Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes?
Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the Lord.**

**When I would gather them, declares the Lord, there are no grapes on the vine,
nor figs on the fig tree; even the leaves are withered, and what I gave them has
passed away from them.”**

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

WE CONFESS OUR COMMON FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose 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.**

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH BY GIVING THE LORD OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacon Kelly Marley

Offertory

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH BY BRINGING THE LORD OUR PRAYERS

Closing with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy
will be done in 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.**

WE SING A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 89:15-18

to the tune of hymn # 298 in the red hymnal

(For those unfamiliar with the tune, the pianist will play through it once.)

**Behold how blessed the people are Who know the joyful sound;
For in Your light and presence, LORD, Their footsteps will be found.**

(continued on next page)

**Yes, they rejoice in Your great name With gladness all the day;
And in Your perfect righteousness Exalted high are they.**

**You are the beauty of their strength For them You glorify;
And by Your favor, Your good will, Our horn is lifted high.**

**Because our shield belongs to Him, The LORD will safety bring;
The Holy One of Israel, He only is our King. A-MEN.**

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GOD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

Sermon

Matthew 21:12-22

Pastor Scott Moreland

"Fig Leaves & Israel's Barren Religion"

(Please stand)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH SONG

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn # 30 (Red Hymnal)

**Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**The busy tribes of flesh and blood, With all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by thy flood, And lost in following years.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home. A-MEN.**

(Please be seated)

GOD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

***Please note: the cups in the inner circle contain grape juice;
the cups in the outer circle contain wine.***

(Please stand)

WE LEAVE THE TABLE PRAISING OUR GOD

“In Christ Alone”

See Handout

**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 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

GOD BLESSES AND SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

With the Benediction

(Some choose to raise their hands to symbolically receive the benediction—which means “blessing;” you are welcome to join them. We show our consent and agreement to this blessing by immediately singing “Amen” three times afterward. The music is found on page xvii in the blue hymnal)

Our Response

“Three-Fold Amen”