

*If we judge the doctrine of Christ according to our feelings,
his words will be just so many strange and incredible statements.*

JOHN CALVIN

*The dividing line for Jesus is never anything other than response to him.
Jesus will make it clear in due course that only those who continue in his
word are truly his disciples.*

DA CARSON

*Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a
joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD,
God of hosts.*

JEREMIAH 15:16

WORSHIP SERVICE | THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP | *From Psalm 92*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. For you, O LORD, have made us glad by your work, at the works of your hands let us sing for joy.

HYMN OF PRAISE | *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil— for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH | *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | *Isaiah 55:1-9*

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

HYMN OF CONFESSION | *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. None of us do good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your word, refused to hear your voice and forgotten you in our thoughts. We desire to learn from you. Grant that we would bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE | Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

HIS TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG | Send Out Your Light - Sandra McCracken

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us
For you are the God in whom I take refuge
Why have you rejected me? I walk around confused.*

*Send out your light and truth
Let them lead me
Bring me to your holy hill
To your dwelling
Then I will go to the alter of God
To God, my exceeding joy
Then I will praise him with my guitar
Oh my joy, my joy*

*Why are you cast down low, o my soul?
Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him
Hope in God, for he is my salvation.*

PREP FOR WORSHIP CLASS

If your child is a 4 or 5-year-old Pre-K student this year, we would like to invite him/her to join us for Prep for Worship! This class is intended to help your child transition from full time nursery to full time worship. Prep for Worship children will remain with their parents in the worship service until the hymn that immediately follows Tithes and Offerings. At that time, parents will escort their child to the Upper Warehouse classrooms for Prep for Worship.

HYMN OF PREPARATION | Psalm 130

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

○ who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
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To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

SERMON – REV. TODD LOWERY | *Eyes Wide Open*
John 6:60-71

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?" ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church. **Note about Communion: the outer ring of the tray contains wine and all other rings contain non-alcoholic grape juice. The bread is gluten free.***

HYMN OF COMMITMENT | Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

*Hold to His Hand, God's unchanging hand;
Hold to His Hand, God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling.

Trust not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay,
Seek to gain the heavenly treasure,
They will never pass away.

When this journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home and glory
That is waiting there for you.

BENEDICTION | Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.