

Order for the Celebration & Worship of God

January 14, 2018

The Lord bids each one of us in all life's actions to look to his calling. For He knows with what great restlessness human nature flames, with what fickleness it is borne hither and thither, how its ambition longs to embrace various things at once. Therefore, lest through our stupidity and rashness everything be turned topsy-turvy, He has appointed duties for every man in his particular way of life. And that no one may thoughtlessly transgress his limits, He has named these various kinds of living "callings." Therefore each individual has his own kind of living assigned to him by the Lord as a sort of sentry post so that he may not heedlessly wander throughout life.

~ John Calvin

Welcome And Announcements

Call To Worship

**Please repeat the portion in bold with volume and passion!*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Let those who fear the Lord say, "His love endures forever." The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. O Lord, open our lips...

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise! The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. You are our God, and we will give you thanks: you are our God, and we will exalt you!

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierc'ed feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Prayer Of Adoration — Minister

*Followed by praying **together** :*

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith—Heidelberg Catechism Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto him. Thanks be to God, our Savior!

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above; I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose Name is love; Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands! My name is written on His heart!
I know that while in heaven He stands; No tongue can bid me thence depart.
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When Satan tempts me to despair; And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there; Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died; My sinful soul is counted free!
For God, the Just, is satisfied; To look on Him and pardon me.
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Behold Him there! The risen Lamb; My perfect, spotless, Righteousness
The Great unchangeable I AM; The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die! My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high; With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

The Anthem

By His stripes we are healed; By His nail pierced hands we're free
By His blood we're washed clean; Now we have the victory

The pow'r of sin is broken, Jesus overcame it all
He has won our freedom, Jesus has won it all

Hallelujah You have won the victory! Hallelujah You have won it all for me!
'Cause death could not hold You down; You are the risen King; Seated in majesty
You are the risen King

= Please be seated =

Prayers Of The People

=Children age 4 thru 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children's Church
and return at the conclusion of the sermon=

Offertory

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 2

Reader: The Word of the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 2 (ESV)

2 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

The Sermon — Rev. Imad Aubrey

The Kingdom of God and our Call

Our guest speaker, Reverend Imad Aubrey is a Lebanese American minister, ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Dallas (now Reformed Theological Seminary).

Imad currently serves at Town North Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Richardson, Texas as assistant pastor of outreach to Muslims & Middle Easterners living in North Texas. Imad, his wife Ruba, and their son James live in North Dallas.

The Lord's Table—Holy Communion

This is a joyous opportunity for all to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate who he is and what he has done for us. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are striving to be at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome. If you are not a Christian, or choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer, considering your relationship to Jesus Christ.

If your heart's desire is to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, there is a prayer **at the bottom of the next page** that can help guide you. If you pray this prayer, please speak to the pastor or elders after the service.

Confession of Sin In Unison

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. Work repentance in our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Help us see Jesus Christ our Lord: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, the Savior of sinners. Strengthen us to follow Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to His image. Let us experience your grace, making us bold for others, that we might joyfully proclaim your salvation. Amen.

= Take a moment to privately and silently confess to God any particular sin =

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
It is well, (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
= *Refrain 2X* =

= Please be seated =

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Followed by proclaiming boldly:

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
People: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: **Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace!**
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Distribution Of The Elements

Please come forward for Communion with joy and thanksgiving!

**If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will serve you at your seat.*

Wine is served for communion in the inner rings. The outer ring contains grape juice

Please stand and sing together: *The Anthem*

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By His blood we're washed clean; Now we have the victory

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Concluding Prayer And Benediction — Minister

Postlude — *Christ the King Worship Ensemble*

Service Schedule for Worship and Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages _____ **9:00AM**

SUNDAY WORSHIP (nursery provided) _____ **10:00AM**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served each week and open to those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever!

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All good which could be thought or desired is to be found in Jesus Christ alone. For He was humbled to exalt us, He became a slave to free us, He became poor to enrich us. He was sold to redeem us, made captive for our deliverance, condemned for our absolution; He was made a curse for our blessing, an offering for sin for our righteousness, He was marred that we might be restored, He died for our life. So that by Him harshness is softened, anger appeased, darkness made light, injustice justified, weakness made strong, dejection consoled, sin prevented, scorn despised, fear made sure, debt canceled, toil made light, sadness rejoiced, misfortune made blessed, difficulty eased, disorder ordered, division united, ignominy made noble, rebellion quelled, threats threatened, ambushes uncovered, assaults assailed, effort weakened, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, ruin ruined, hell held prisoner, death done to death and immortality made immortal.

—**John Calvin**

Preface to the French Bible, 1539

= Prayer of faith to place your trust in Jesus Christ =

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit. I also understand that you love and accept me more than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for dying in my place on the Cross, bearing the punishment for my misdeeds, paying the debt for all my sins and offering me complete forgiveness. I turn away from my past life of self-centeredness and now confess you are my Lord, my God and my Savior. I believe you have been raised from the dead and humbly ask you fill me with your blessed Holy Spirit so I may begin my new life with you. Amen.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the strong Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany