



UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Exalting our God and King Jesus Christ in worship
Expanding Christ's kingdom in Las Cruces, the border area, and the world
Edifying Christ's people in Word and fellowship

Lord's Day Worship
[Large Print w/Song Lyrics]

Sunday
April 14, 2024

10:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

God Himself creates this gathering. We're not a social club, united around a set of preferences, programs, personalities, or political agendas. Rather, we are a people called out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son Jesus Christ—united under the banner of the Gospel. Likewise, in our worship, God assembles ordinary sinners into His marvelous presence, gathering us at His banquet table to meet our deepest needs.

** = Please stand if you are able*

WELCOME

***“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”**

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How can it be, the One who died,
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.

[Chorus]

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.

And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.

He's alive, He's alive!
Heaven's gates are opened wide.
He's alive, He's alive!
Now in heaven glorified.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 91:1-4, 14-16

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Congregation: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Leader: “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

Congregation: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Trinity 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for-e'er we adore Him.

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***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

Scripture shows us a dual reality—that those who believe in Jesus have been forgiven once and for all for all their sins; however, our sins distances us from God in worship. Therefore, we are called to confess our sins to the Lord individually and corporately, being confident of His abundant grace through the mediation of Jesus Christ.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:5-10

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Congregation: O Lord, I have a wild heart and cannot stand before thee; I am like a bird before a man. How little I love thy truth and ways! I neglect prayer, by thinking I have prayed enough and earnestly, by knowing thou hast saved my soul. Of all hypocrites, grant that I may not be an evangelical hypocrite, who sins more safely because grace abounds, who

tells his lusts that Christ's blood cleanseth them, who reasons that God cannot cast him into hell, for his is saved, who loves evangelical preaching, churches, Christians, but lives unholily. My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding, no desire for the Lord's Day, ever learning but never reaching the truth, always at the gospel-well but never holding water. My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with nothing to repent of. My will is without power of decision or resolution. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. My memory has no retention, so I forget so easily the lessons learned, and thy truths seep away. Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

1 John 3:1-3

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us rejoice and forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

****“My Dwelling Place (Psalm 91)”**

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My dwelling place is God Most High;
My Refuge and my Fortress.
When plague and pestilence draw nigh,
I'm hidden in his presence.
When terrors fall and arrows fly,
His shield will be my safety;
When stones across my pathway lie,
On angels wings I'm carried.

My dwelling place is God Most High;
A present help in danger.
I rest secure in love's pure light,
Beneath my Master's favor.

He freed me from the fowler's snare,
Where sin and shame had bound me;
Deceived I'd made my refuge there,
Till fearless he came for me.

[Chorus]

Wonderful, powerful,
My hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel;
My dwelling place forever.

My dwelling place is God Most High;
I'll never seek another.
For I am his and he is mine;
My heart he'll keep forever.
I know the Name on whom I call;
He promises to answer.
With life he satisfies my soul,
And crowns me with his pleasure.

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THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

The Christian lives and breathes by God's Word. It is the green pastures and still waters by which the sheep of God are led and fed. By it, God not only teaches us, but He raises us to newness of life in Christ and continually transforms us more-and-more into His blessed image. Through His eternal Word, Christ builds His kingdom—brick by brick. And we're all part of it!

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 2:1-15

Leader: The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of the LORD will stand forever.

Congregation: Thanks be to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, his merit, his righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified
The work is finished

[Chorus]

All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is his love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy?

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me

Now I stand in his freedom
Ransomed, clean in his sight

And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ

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SERMON
The Yoke of Christ

Jordan Huff
Acts 9:19b-31

***“To Christ the Lord”**

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To Christ the Lord let every tongue
Its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song
Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face
And on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace
And all His triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned
His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men
And fairer he than all the fair
That fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress
He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours
Upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours
And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode
He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God
And makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give
Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts can't help but sing!

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THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are repentant of their sins, and are baptized members of a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed are warmly invited to participate in the Lord's Supper with us. Please take the bread as it comes to you, communing privately with the Lord. Hold onto the cup, as we will drink it together, signifying our unity as the body of Christ.

*For those who you have not yet trusted in Jesus, please let these elements pass by you.
We would love to talk to you about your relationship with the Lord after the service.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #15**
Q37 Leader: What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

Congregation: That all the time he lived on earth, but especially at the end of his life, He bore, in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race; in order that by his passion, as the only atoning sacrifice, He might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the grace of God, righteousness and eternal life.

Q38 Leader: Why did He suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

Congregation: That He, being innocent, might be condemned by the temporal judge, and thereby deliver us from the severe judgment of God, to which we were exposed.

Q39 Leader: Is there anything more in His having been “crucified” than if He had suffered some other death?

Congregation: Yes, for thereby I am assured that He took upon Himself the curse which lay upon me; because the death of the cross was accursed of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”

Ashley/Allen

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend,
Life, and health, and peace possessing
From the sinner’s dying Friend.

[Chorus]

O that, near the cross abiding,
I may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with him my heart dividing,
All for him content to leave.

Here I rest, in wonder viewing
All my sins on Jesus laid,

Here I see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice he made.

Here I find the dawn of heaven,
While upon the cross I gaze.
See my trespasses forgiven,
And my songs of triumph raise.

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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

Congregation: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
Hallelujah!

***“Doxology”**

Trinity 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Amen.

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THE LORD COMMISSIONS US **WITH HIS BLESSING**

The benediction combines two practices we see in Scripture: the Lord blessing His people and the Lord sending His people out into the world to declare His glory. We reach out with empty hands to receive this ‘good word’ from our God as both an acknowledgment of His love for us and His commission to us—that, as we were gathered to Him in the Call to Worship, we are now scattered as His ambassadors into the world.

***BENEDICTION**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope and pray that our church can be a blessing to you. If you'd like more information about us—who we are, what we do, what we believe, how you can get plugged into the UPC family—or if you simply need help or counsel, please contact us using the information below.

God bless!

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