



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 21, 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

*“The Church’s One Foundation”

RUF

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;

'Til with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revelation 21:1-5

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Congregation: And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Leader: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Congregation: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Together: And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

***"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**

RUF

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

[Chorus]

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with Your blood;
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown:
He who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join and point to mercy’s store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

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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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Our Father, you offered us all your blessings when you announced: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Congregation: But we have been rich in pride.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn.

Congregation: But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: Blessed are the meek.

Congregation: But we are a stiff-necked people.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Congregation: But we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful.

Congregation: But we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart.

Congregation: But we have impure hearts.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers.

Congregation: But we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.

Congregation: But our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Congregation: But we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed.

Congregation: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 10:9-10

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

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Trinity 679

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

[Chorus]

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me, ’neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

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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

Luke 18:9-14

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

“Ancient of Days”

CityAlight

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

[Chorus]

None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me; I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

SERMON
I Want to Know Christ

Rob Looper
Philippians 3:1-11

***“All My Boast is in Jesus”**

Papa/Boswell

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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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 #16**

Q40 Leader: Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer "death"?

Congregation: Because the justice and truth of God required, that satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.

Q41 Leader: Why was He "buried"?

Congregation: To show thereby that He was really dead.

Q42 Leader: Since then Christ died for us, why must we also die?

Congregation: Our death is not a satisfaction for our sin, but only a dying to sin and an entering into eternal life.

Q43 Leader: What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

Congregation: That thereby our old man is crucified, slain and buried with Him, that so the evil lusts of the flesh may no more reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Q44 Leader: Why is it added: “He descended into hell”?

Congregation: That in my greatest temptations I may be assured that Christ my lord, by His inexpressible anguish, pains and terrors, which He suffered in His soul on the cross and before, has redeemed me from the anguish and torment of hell.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Savage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“All Glory Be To Christ”

Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain,
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn,
All glory be to Christ!

[Chorus]

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come,
On earth as is above

Who is Himself our daily bread,
Praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
All glory be to Christ!

When on that day the great I AM,
The faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

***“Gloria Patri”**

Trinity 735

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.

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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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