



# 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 28, 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

#### \*“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
    O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
    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!

All the redeemed washed by his blood  
Come and rejoice in his great love  
    O praise him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on him  
    O praise him! O praise him!  
    Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return with pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 105:1-5**

**Leader:** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Congregation:** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

**Leader:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Congregation:** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**\*“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

**Trinity 100**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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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**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Congregation:** Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Romans 8:1-2**

**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**

**\*“How Long”**

**Townend**

We have sung our songs of victory  
We have prayed to you for rain  
We have cried for your compassion  
To renew the land again  
Now we're standing in your presence  
More hungry than before  
Now we're on your steps of mercy and we're knocking at your door

*[Chorus]*

How long  
Before you drench the barren land  
How long  
Before we see your righteous hand  
How long  
Before your name is lifted high  
How long  
Before the weeping turns to songs of joy

Lord, we know your heart is broken  
By the evil that you see  
And you've stayed your hand of judgment  
For your plan to set men free  
But the land is still in darkness  
And we've fled from what is right  
And we've failed the silent children  
Who will never see the light

But I know a day is coming  
When the deaf will hear his voice  
When the blind will see their Savior  
And the lame will leap for joy  
When a widow finds a husband  
Who will always love his bride  
And the orphan finds a father  
Who will never leave her side

How long  
Before your glory lights the skies  
How long  
Before your radiance lifts our eyes  
How long  
Before your fragrance fills the air  
How long  
Before the earth resounds with songs of joy

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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**

**Isaiah 35**

**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**

***Bubbling Springs From Thirsty Ground***

**Jordan Huff**  
**Acts 9:32-43**

**\*“The Lord is My Salvation”**

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The grace of God has reached for me,  
And pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground:  
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*[Chorus]*

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won:  
The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord,  
He flow'rs each promise of his Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come:  
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,  
When I know loss, when I am weak.



I know his grace will renew these days:  
The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, he will call me home:  
The Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father,  
Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit;  
The Lord is our salvation.

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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 #17**

**Q45 Leader:** What benefit do we receive from the “resurrection” of Christ?

**Congregation:** First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of the righteousness which He has obtained for us by his death. Secondly, by His power we are also now raised up to a new life. Thirdly, the resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

**Q46 Leader:** How do you understand the words: “He ascended into heaven”?

**Congregation:** That Christ, in the sight of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven; and continues there in our behalf until He shall come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Q47 Leader:** Is Christ then not with us even unto the end of the world, as He has promised?

**Congregation:** Christ is true man and true God. According to his human nature He is now not on earth, but according to his Godhead, Majesty, Grace, and Spirit, He is at no time absent from us.

**Q48 Leader:** Since his human nature is not present wherever his Godhead is, are not then these two natures in Christ separated from one another?

**Congregation:** Not at all; for since the Godhead is incomprehensible and everywhere present, it must follow that the same is not limited with the human nature He assumed, and yet remains personally united to it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“The Goodness of Jesus”

CityAlight

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*[Chorus]*

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied, he is all that I need

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer  
Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water, never thirst again  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
He is all he said he would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

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### **\*MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

### **\*“Doxology”**

**Trinity 731**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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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