



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
May 19, 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 Chronicles 16

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

Leader: 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.

Congregation: Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Congregation: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,

We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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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

Ephesians 4:1-6

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 16

Leader: Holy God, Lord most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath!

Congregation: Holy you are, and we cannot stand in your presence. Yet you have called us to come to you.

Leader: We feel unworthy, for we have failed you time and time again. We have resisted your Spirit and your Word, yet you keep calling us.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy!

Leader: Holy God, Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath!

Congregation: Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love.

Leader: Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. We are troubled by how they have grieved you.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy!

Leader: Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins.

Congregation: To you be honor and glory! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:13-16

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

“1 Corinthians 13:1-7” [Children’s Special]

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

Psalms 67

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

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Trinity 253

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, Lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood,
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.
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SERMON
The Gospel Goes Global, Part 3

Jordan Huff
Acts 11

***“His Mercy Is More”**

Boswell/Papa

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum
 Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many,
 His mercy is more.

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father, so tender,
 Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest,
 The vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many,
 His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us

His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.

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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 #20**
Q53 Leader: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: First, that He is co-eternal God with the Father and the Son. Secondly, that He is also given unto me, by true faith makes me a partaker of Christ and all His benefits, comforts me, and shall abide with me forever.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Michael Lubeck

INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

“Immovable, Our Hope Remains”

SGM

Immovable our hope remains
Though shifting sands before us lie
The One who washed away our stains
Shall bear us safely to the skies
The floods may rise, the winds may beat
Torrential rains descend
Yet God His own will not forget
He'll love and keep us till the end
You'll love and keep us till the end

This is eternal life: to know
The living God and Christ, the Son
The Savior will not let us go
Until His saving work is done
Our debt was great, as was our need
But now the price is paid
Who can behold Immanuel bleed
And doubt His willingness to save?
We trust Your willingness to save

The Lord acquits, who can condemn?
Though Satan's accusations fly
His pow'r can never reach our names
To blot them from the Book of Life
The Son has surely made us free
His Word forever stands

And all our joy is knowing we
Are graven on His wounded hands
We're graven on Your wounded hands

Built into Christ, secure we stand
For with His Spirit we've been sealed
By grace we'll see the promised land
Where every sorrow shall be healed
To God who gave His only Son
To Jesus Christ, our Lord
To God the Spirit, Three-in-one
Be songs of praise forevermore
We'll sing Your praise forevermore

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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

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

***“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”**

Rodgers/Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

[Chorus]

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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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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