

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 5, 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**

Psalm 42

Leader: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

Congregation: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Congregation: My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Leader: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a

deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Congregation: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

***“Christ is Mine Forevermore”**

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Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name

But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war

And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!

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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 Book of Common Prayer

Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws; we have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful sinners. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who truly repent, as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and disciplined life, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 John 2:1–2

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

*“Like a River Glorious”

Trinity 699

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev’ry day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

[Chorus]

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.

Ev’ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

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

Ephesians 2:11-16

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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Trinity 457

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart; O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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***“All Things New (Rise Up O Sleeper)”**

Peterson

Come broken and weary.
Come battered and bruised.
My Jesus makes all things new,
All things new.

Come lost and abandoned.
Come blown by the wind.
He'll bring you back home again,
Home again.

[Chorus]

Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake,
The light of the dawn is upon you.
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake,
He makes all things new.
All things new.

Come frozen with shame.
Come burning with guilt.
My Jesus, he loves you still,
Loves you still.

The world was good,
The world is fallen,
The world will be redeemed,

Hold on to the promise.
The stories are true
That Jesus makes all things new.

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 #18**

Q49 Leader: What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

Congregation: First, that He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father in Heaven. Secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge, that He as the Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself. Thirdly, that He sends us His Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God, and not things on earth.

Q50 Leader: Why is it added: "And sits at the right hand of God"?

Congregation: Because Christ ascended into heaven for this end, that He might there appear as the Head of His Church, by whom the Father governs all things.

INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Trinity Hymnal 642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUF Fundraiser—Today!

You can support what Daniel & Sarah do to carry out the RUF ministry at NMSU by purchasing RUF memorabilia in the foyer before and after worship.



UPC Card Ministry This Monday

There is room around the greeting card design table to help make cards to send to others. This ministry meets Monday, May 6th at 10:00 am in the church office.

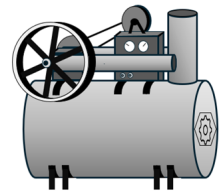
- Contact Wietske Ligtenberg for more info.



Prayers from the Boiler Room

Join John Pummell & others to pray for God to bless the preaching of His Word.

- Each Sunday from 8:15 to 8:45am in classroom 2



2024 Tri-Church VBS at UPC, 9:00 - Noon, June 3-7

- Lessons in Joshua on passionately running the race of faith for Jesus.
- Invite your friends and neighbors!
- Volunteers Needed! Contact Simon or Maria Rawson for more information.



VBS Registration Is Open!

VBS is June 3-7 this year. We encourage you to register your children ages 5 through 5th grade as soon as possible to help us prep materials, snacks, and recruit teachers. Scan the QR code or register online at www.upclc.com.

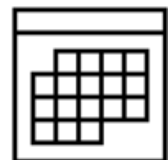


Calendar of Spring Events to Share Life with One Another

May 18 Museum of Nature & Science Trip, 10-12pm

May 19 Spring Piano Recital @ UPC, 3pm

- Details to follow as each event draws near!



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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