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11 am





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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

WE LOVE FAMILIES! Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

KID'S AREA: There is a kid's area available after the Children's Message. Have your children meet the workers in back after the lesson is over. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall after worship.

INFANT ROOM: Down the hallway, first door on the left, is an infant room with a live broadcast of the service.

RESTROOMS: Located in back and in the fellowship hall.

CONNECT WITH US: Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

FELLOWSHIP: Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

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Opening Song

(please stand)

Here I Am to Worship

By Chris Tomlin

**Light of the World, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.**

REFRAIN

***So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the Earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

REFRAIN

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross.**

REFRAIN

We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness ¹

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

¹Not that a pastor has the ability to forgive sins on his own, but Jesus tells his disciples: If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven (Jn. 20:23) In other words, as Christians we pass on to each other the message of the Gospel with full confidence that it is truth: We have forgiveness of sins because of Jesus.

Song of Praise

Here I Am to Worship

**So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(be seated)

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD
and against his Anointed One.

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

The Gospel

Luke 3:21-22

(please stand)

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

We Confess Our Faith in God

The Nicene Creed²

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(be seated)



After the children's lesson, a kid's area is available.
Meet the workers in fellowship area & be sure to sign
them in & out. You can pick them up at any time.

² The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians for centuries in order to confess their belief in the All-Powerful God in the way that Scripture reveals him.

Song of the Day

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine!

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me—wondrous thought!—
Found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart
Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to him are known;
All my sorrows are his own.
Safe with him in earthly strife,
I await the heav'nly life.

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,
By your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

The Message

A Personalized FRESHNESS

Titus 3:3-7

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Notes

Sermon Response

Create in Me

(please stand)

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

C: Amen.

(be seated)



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(please stand)

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Words of Institution ³

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all of his disciples, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sins. Do this, whenever you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

³We practice "Close" communion. If you are a guest, please speak with pastor before communing.

We Sing Our Prayer to Christ

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on seven staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of". The second staff continues: "God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The third staff: "mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of". The fourth staff: "God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The fifth staff: "mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of". The sixth staff: "God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The seventh staff: "grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

(be seated)

Communion Song

As the Deer

**As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield.
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.**

**You're my friend, and you're my brother,
Even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield.
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.**



We Give Thanks to God

(please stand)

P: Lord, now you let your servant
depart in peace
according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before
the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.

The Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen!

(be seated)

Closing Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand**

**And I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and you won't start now**

**So I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine**

(REPEAT 3X)

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever you would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior**

**So I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by The Pools in celebration of Mitchell Pool's 29th birthday.

- **Starting point** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Check out **GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups** to sign up. Contact gardenpastor@gmail.com if interested.
- **Small Groups** will be meeting starting in January. Sign up now at GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to find a group near you.
- **Flower Chart.** The 2019 Flower Chart is now available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to celebrate a special occasion and/or help to beautify the altar, please sign up and specify the occasion. Cost of the arrangement is \$28.

Thanks to those who served this week . . . January 13, 2018

9 am

Music: Linda Buzard

Ushers: Mike Carson, Billy Rueckert

Kid's Area: Carly DeGrange

Fellowship: Terry Witz, Diane Latorre

11 am

Music: Carol Carson, Scott & Anne Gibson, Travis Gray, Julianna Kiecker, Sam Meyer

Ushers: Mike Wittig, Tanner Wittig

Kid's Area: Dana Wimsatt, Tamra Stansbury

Fellowship: Emily Marshall, Nikki Jones

Counters: Barb Lucht, Barbara Morats

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It's a great way to let friends know about our Savior & the work he's doing here.