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January 14, 2018
Epiphany Season
Preparation for Worship
As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

As we begin a new year, it is good to remind ourselves why we design our worship services with several liturgical movements. One of the reasons is to allow the Spirit of God to reorient our hearts and minds to the only story that matters: the story of God.

The first movement starts when the Lord calls us to worship Him. The Westminster Shorter Catechism teaches us that the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We also see from Exodus 81 that the Lord redeems us so that we may worship Him. So we begin our services by answering God’s call to worship Him in “spirit and in truth.”

The second movement focuses on the Lord cleansing us of sin as we confess our sins and receive anew His pardoning grace. Every one of us falls short of the glory of God, but each Sunday we remind ourselves of and rejoice over the Good News of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone!

The final movement is when the Lord blesses us and sends us out to be His Kingdom representatives in the world. Worshiping as a gathered community is never the final act of the Church in this world. Instead, we are sent forth as God’s servants to express and embody the Gospel of Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Therefore, let us pray that our worship would not be rote and mechanical but rather glorify God and reorient our hearts to His story.

Praise the Greatness of God the Father

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Come, Thou Almighty King” ............... Michael Burkhardt

Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “He Leadeth Me” ................. Martha Kelsey

Brad Jones, piano

A WORD ON WORSHIP ........................................... George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Holy Is the Lord” ......................... Franz Schubert

Holly, holly, holly, holy is the Lord.
Holly is the Father; holy is the Son;
Holly is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.

The Westminster Singers (8:15) · The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Christy Young, director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP ............................. L. Brett Wynne

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!” ............ NICAEA

APOCYAPTIC LESSON: Select verses from Revelation 4 and 15 ... Ethan Knight (8:15)

Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship you.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Worthy are you, our Lord and God
to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things
and by your will they existed and were created.
To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore.

INVOCATION (please raise hands)

REST IN THE GRACE OF GOD THE SON

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, in Your great love, You sent Your Son to save us, to adopt us into Your family, and to use us as Your Kingdom representatives in the world. But we confess that in our sin we often haven’t responded as we should have. Rather than love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, we have loved ourselves. Rather than love and serve one another as family, in our self-centeredness, we have ignored the needs of others. Rather than build Your Kingdom, we have sought to build our own. Give us Your enabling grace to repent of our disobedience and return us to the joy of our salvation in Christ, so that we may love and follow Him all the days of our lives. For we pray this in His matchless name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: “Holy Spirit Living Breath of God” ...............Keith Getty

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Carillon-Sortie”  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Henri Mulet

[Music and lyrics here]

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us.
WORTHY are you, our Lord and God
Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

PRAISE God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Walk in the Power of God the Holy Spirit

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ................................. Acts 4:23-37

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON  Refuge for Outreach, Part 1  George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT
Worthy are you, our Lord and God

...Christ, as - sail His ways. Fears and doubts too long have

...story, bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us

...dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing

...dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT: “God of Grace and God of Glory” .... CWM RHONDDA
I. Refuge *(Acts 4:32-37)*

A. Unity

B. Generosity

II. Mission *(Acts 4:23-31)*

A. Sovereign God

B. Supplication for Boldness

C. Spoken Word

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**Sunday Night Worship**

We gather each Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. The evening sermon is based on the same passage of Scripture and is a continuation from what is preached during the morning services. We invite you to worship with us!