






9:00 service + February 19, 2017

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Prelude

Allemande from French Suite in E-flat

J. S. Bach

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1, 48

Liturgist: Praise the LORD!
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!***

We praise God

This Is My Father's World
Hymnal #58

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock
Tune: Traditional English melody

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.***

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Liturgist: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on us,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Our Father in heaven,
you have given us your abundant life and love in Christ.

All: *But we often wander from your way,
waste your gifts,
and forget your love.
Instead of bearing spiritual fruit
in generous justice and mercy,
we are too often barren and fruitless
by seeking life apart from Christ.
Our idols of success and security
lead us into lying and violence.
Our idols of pride and power
oppress the poor and the powerless.
We become slaves of greed and gluttony,
but they never save or satisfy.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, forgive us for pulling away from you and rejecting your gifts of grace and your holy mission. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may abide in Christ, and be filled with the life and love of Christ, to bear the fruit of justice and mercy in Christ for the life of a dying world.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

Liturgist: If the Lord should hold our sins against us, no one could stand.
But with the Lord there is forgiveness, that he may be feared.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem you from all your sins.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift.
In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you,
and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Hymnal #211

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis 1898
Tune: Thomas Williams 1890

SEATED

Cantique de Jean Racine
Chancel Choir

Text: Jean Racine
Tr. John Rutter
Music: Gabriel Fauré

O divine word above, our hope and consolation,
eternal light of the heavens and the earth,
our voices greet the morning:
Look down, O Lord, and hear thy people's prayer!

Inspire us, Lord, we pray, with the power of thy Spirit,
that hell may flee before thy mighty word.
From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving,
that we may never forget thy laws!

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on thy faithful congregation
now gathered here in the sight of thy throne.
Receive thy hymns they offer to thy eternal glory.
Renewed by thy gifts, may they go forth in peace.

God instructs us in scripture reading

Isaiah 5
(pew Bible pp. 569-571)

God instructs us in preaching

“The Garden of the Lord”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

Text: trans. David J. Diephouse 1986

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Tune: Traditional English melody



1. My soul finds rest in God a - lone; on him my help de - pends.
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone; on him my hope de - pends.
3. The great of earth are less than dust; all mor - tal strength is vain.



He is my for - tress and my rock; sal - va - tion sure he sends.
He is my for - tress and my rock; sal - va - tion sure he sends.
And fools a - lone re - ly on wealth or prize ill - got - ten gain.



My foes con - spire to bring me down; they scorn my trou - bled state.
My aid and hon - or come from God, my ref - uge strong and sure.
I know, O God, that you are strong, a faith - ful, lov - ing Lord.



Their lips are quick to sound my praise, but in their hearts they hate.
Let all God's ser - vants trust the LORD; in him we are se - cure.
Our ev - ery deed, for good or ill, you sure - ly will re - ward.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread

The communion bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Music for communion:

**There Is A Fountain
Hymnal #196**

Text: William Cowper 1772
Tune: Lowell Mason 1830

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: ***Hallelujah! Amen.***

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Postlude

Carillon

L. Vierne

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