



live to **PRAY** *to live*

9:00 service + July 23, 2017

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: life, rule, authority, enemies

Prelude

Goin' Home

arr. Villanueva

Central Brass Ensemble

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 95:1-7

Liturgist: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: *let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Liturgist: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: *let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Liturgist: For the Lord is a great God,

All: *and a great King above all gods.*

Liturgist: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

All: *the heights of the mountains are his also.*

Liturgist: The sea is his, for he made it,

All: *and his hands formed the dry land.*

Liturgist: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

For he is our God,

**All: *and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.***

We praise God

All Creatures of Our God and King
Hymnal #64, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5

Text: Francis of Assisi 13th c.
Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesange* 1623

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

God calls us to confess our sin

from Hebrews 4:14-16

Liturgist: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We confess our sin

Just As I Am
Hymnal #342

All (sing): *Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Liturgist: Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of life,
and you reign over every power that destroys your creation.

All: *We confess that we are rebels
who often reject your authority.
We believe the lie that our sins cannot be conquered,
and we yield too easily to sin's demands.
We too often fear the power of your enemies,
or we give our love and loyalty
to powers that oppose your word, your will, and your wisdom.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Lord, forgive us and heal our rebel spirit and our distrustful hearts. Please restrain and conquer our enemies of sin and Satan, and help us gladly submit to your wise rule over us, so that we will find you to be our true protection, strength, and abundant life forever.

All (sing): *Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind—Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yes, all I need in thee to find—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Colossians 3:1, 3-4

Liturgist: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Text: Samuel Medley 1775

Tune: John Hatton 1793

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1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave;
 3. He lives to grant me rich sup - ply;
 4. He lives to si - lence all my fears;
 5. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;

What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives!
 He lives e - ter - nal - ly to save;
 He lives to guide me with his eye;
 He lives to wipe a - way my tears;
 He lives, and I shall con - quer death;

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives all - glor - ious in the sky;
 He lives to com - fort me when faint;
 He lives to calm my trou - bled heart;
 He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;

He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head.
 He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

Ephesians 1:20-23; 3:18-19
(pew Bible pp. 976; 977)

God instructs us in preaching

“Power in Prayer”
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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Hymnal #435

Text: Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1855
Tune: Charles C. Converse 1868

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.***

We praise God

Be Thou My Vision
Hymnal #382

Text: Ancient Irish poem c. 700
Tune: Traditional Irish tune

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Central Brass Ensemble

arr. S. Pethel

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