



9:00 service + November 19, 2017

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Eric Schmidt

Themes and keywords: grace, power, strong, weak/weakness

Prelude

With Thankful Hearts

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Chancel Ringers; Ron Klemm, guest director

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalms 50:15, 34:3, 8, 10

Liturgist: The sovereign Lord says,
"Call upon me in the day of trouble
and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
So come, magnify the Lord with me,

All: *and let us exalt his name together.*

Liturgist: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**All: *Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him,
for those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.***

We praise God

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Hymnal #52

Text: Isaac Watts 1719
Tune: attr. William Croft c. 1700

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 Hebrews 2:17, 7:25, 4:16

Liturgist: Christ was made like us in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. 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

Lord, Have Mercy

from Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Text: Ancient Greek prayer

Tune: Gregory Wilbur 2009



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Liturgist: Father, when we are weak, we are strong,
for your power is displayed in our weakness, and your grace is sufficient for us.

All: *But we are often so focused on our fragile weakness
that we do not trust your sufficiency for us.
We work so hard to show ourselves strong
that we fail to see your power displayed in our need.
We spend so much time seeking to get praise from others
that we miss ways to lead others to praise you.
And when we fail and suffer,
we lose heart in despair so quickly
that we lose sight of your resurrection life and power
working in us strength to endure today
and bright hope in the weight of glory to come.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Our gracious Father, please forgive us for seeking our strength everywhere except in your life and grace that you give us freely in Christ. Lead our faltering hearts back to you and show your surpassing power in us and through us by your Holy Spirit so that having your all-sufficiency in all things at all times, we may abound in every good work with unconquered joy, to the praise of your great glory.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Lamentations 3:22-23

Liturgist: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

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

**The Solid Rock
Hymnal #404**

Text: Edward Mote 1834
Tune: William B. Bradbury 1863

SEATED

He Will Hold Me Fast

Text: Ada Habershon
alt. Matt Merker
Music: Matt Merker

Chancel Choir
Nancy Mayo, keyboardist

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast,
for my Savior loves me so; he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight. Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. (chorus)

For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last. (chorus)

God instructs us in scripture reading

2 Corinthians 12
(pew Bible p. 970)

God instructs us in preaching

“Connected in Weakness That Is Strong”

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.

It Is Well with My Soul
Hymnal #493

Text: Horatio Spafford 1873
Tune: Philip Bliss 1876

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

Psalm 67

Text: Psalm 67; trans. James McGranahan 1890, alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart 1836

1. O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace,
2. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
3. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing.

and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your face,
in ev - ery land let prai - ses and songs of glad-ness ring;
Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit will bring.

so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
for you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right-eous - ness,
The LORD our God will bless us, our God will bless-ing send,

and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con - fess.
and all the earth will fear him to its re - mot - est end.

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

Toccata on ST. ANNE

G. Young

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