

9:00 service + November 19, 2017

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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

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

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

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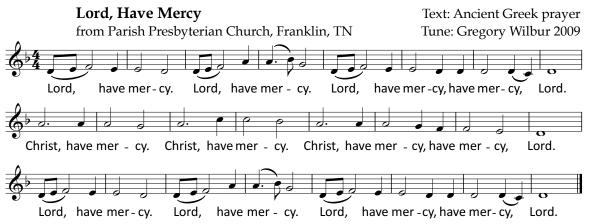
God calls us to confess our sin

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.

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

We confess our sin



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.



STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

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

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He Will Hold Me Fast

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

Text: Edward Mote 1834

Tune: William B. Bradbury 1863

from Lamentations 3:22-23

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

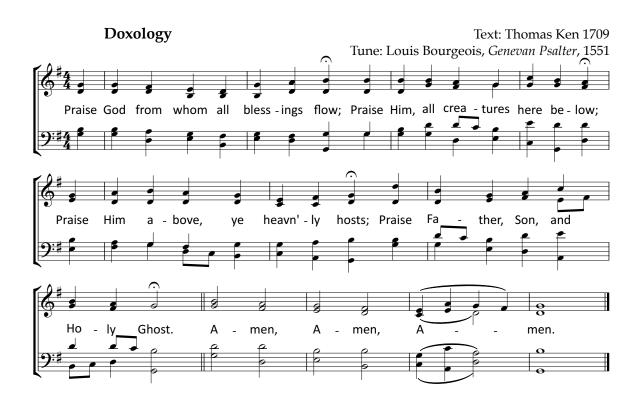
Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

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



God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor:And all God's people said...All:Hallelujah! Amen.



Postlude

Toccata on ST. ANNE

G. Young

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