



UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Exalting our God and King Jesus Christ in worship
Expanding Christ's kingdom in Las Cruces, the border area, and the world
Edifying Christ's people in Word and fellowship

Lord's Day Worship
[Large Print w/Song Lyrics]

Sunday
October 20, 2024

10:00 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

God Himself creates this gathering. We're not a social club, united around a set of preferences, programs, personalities, or political agendas. Rather, we are a people called out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son Jesus Christ—united under the banner of the Gospel. Likewise, in our worship, God assembles ordinary sinners into His marvelous presence, gathering us at His banquet table to meet our deepest needs.

** = Please stand if you are able*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Matthew 11:28-29; Psalm 118:5-6, 14

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Congregation: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

Leader: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will rest for your souls.

Congregation: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Trinity 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast Thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom
Hath made thee,
Decked thee with health,
And with loving hand
Guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the AMEN sound from His people again:
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

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***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

Scripture shows us a dual reality—that those who believe in Jesus have been forgiven once and for all for all their sins; however, our sins distances us from God in worship. Therefore, we are called to confess our sins to the Lord individually and corporately, being confident of His abundant grace through the mediation of Jesus Christ.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matthew 18:1-4

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Congregation: We have sinned, O Lord, and now, we have neither peace nor rest. We recognize the stirrings of your Spirit, who ever works in us, ever for our good. We have hidden ourselves in shadows, seeking to avoid your face. We have draw away from the sound of your voice, fearful of what you might speak, fearful of what obedience you might require. We have run from your presence and from our consciences, but we would run no more. Forgive us for our pride, most merciful Father. Receive us as humble, helpless children. We confess that we have broken faith, broken trust, wounded others, and for this we repent. Restorer of all things, redeem the damage we have done. Remake, rekindle, rebuild. Heal, comfort, and repair. Knit together that which we have rent. Restore us, lest we be forever lost. For your pardon alone is sufficient for our security; and your death to our resurrection. Embrace us again to life and to right standing with you, O God, and to the fellowship of love and compassion that is your church. We are always, every moment, in need of you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Matthew 19:14

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us rejoice and forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***“Jesus, I Come”**

RUF

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth.
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm.
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of
Thy sheltering fold.
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

The Christian lives and breathes by God's Word. It is the green pastures and still waters by which the sheep of God are led and fed. By it, God not only teaches us, but He raises us to newness of life in Christ and continually transforms us more-and-more into His blessed image. Through His eternal Word, Christ builds His kingdom—brick by brick. And we're all part of it!

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:1-4

Leader: The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of the LORD will stand forever.

Congregation: Thanks be to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“The Goodness of Jesus”

CityAlight

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in his wondrous peace

[Chorus]

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, he is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in his wondrous peace

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all he said he would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart
Rest here in his wondrous peace

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

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SERMON

The Word Increases & Prevails

Rick Downs

Acts 19:11-20

***“Is He Worthy?”**

Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken?

(We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

(We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

(We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

(We do)

Is all creation groaning?

(It is)

Is a new creation coming?

(It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

(It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

(It is)

[Chorus]

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah

Who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is he worthy of this?

He is.

Does the Father truly love us?

(He does)

Does the Spirit move among us?

(He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those he loves?

(He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

(He does)

From every people and tribe

Every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom

and priests to God
to reign with the Son.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Of all blessing and honor - and glory

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy of this?

He is.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

He is!

He is!

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THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are repentant of their sins, and are baptized members of a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed are warmly invited to participate in the Lord's Supper with us. Please take the bread as it comes to you, communing privately with the Lord. Hold onto the cup, as we will drink it together, signifying our unity as the body of Christ.

*For those who you have not yet trusted in Jesus, please let these elements pass by you.
We would love to talk to you about your relationship with the Lord after the service.*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #42**

Q110 Leader: What does God forbid in the eighth Commandment?

Congregation: God forbids not only such theft and robbery as are punished by this magistrate, but God views as theft also all wicked tricks and devices, whereby we seek to get our neighbor's goods, whether by force or by deceit, such as unjust weights, measures, goods, coins usury, or by any means forbidden of God; also a covetousness and the misuse and waste of His gifts.

Q111 Leader: But what does God require of you in this commandment?

Congregation: That I further my neighbor's good where I can and may, deal with him as I would have others deal with me, and labor faithfully, so that I may be able to help the poor in their need.

INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

***"Behold the Lamb"**

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us— and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you— eat and remember;
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you— drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond— and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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***MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH**

Congregation: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
Hallelujah!

***“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (vs. 1)**

Trinity 76

Praise my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet your tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US **WITH HIS BLESSING**

The benediction combines two practices we see in Scripture: the Lord blessing His people and the Lord sending His people out into the world to declare His glory. We reach out with empty hands to receive this ‘good word’ from our God as both an acknowledgment of His love for us and His commission to us—that, as we were gathered to Him in the Call to Worship, we are now scattered as His ambassadors into the world.

***BENEDICTION**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope and pray that our church can be a blessing to you. If you'd like more information about us—who we are, what we do, what we believe, how you can get plugged into the UPC family—or if you simply need help or counsel, please contact us using the information below.

God bless!

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