



# 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**  
**November 17, 2024**

**10:00 am**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen*

*\* = Please stand if you are able*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Romans 11:33-36**

O, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

#### **\*“We Come O Christ to You”**

**Trinity 181**

We come, O Christ, to you,  
true Son of God and man,  
by whom all things consist,  
in whom all life began:  
in you alone we live and move,  
and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God,  
your blood our ransom paid;  
in you we face our Judge  
and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand,  
your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth!  
All wisdom dwells in you,  
the Source of every skill,  
the one eternal TRUE!  
O great I AM! In you we rest,  
sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life,  
to know you is to live  
the more abundant life  
that earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you:  
in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,  
our Savior and our King,  
to you our youth and strength  
adoringly we bring:  
so fill our hearts, that all may view  
your life in us, and turn to you!

## **\*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**

**John 15:9-12**

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We, poor sinners, confess before you, our God and Creator, that we have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, our Lord and God, recognize this in us very well, but sadly we cannot recognize them sufficiently. We feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Zacharias Ursinus*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Psalm 103:8-13**

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Congregation:** The Maker of heaven and earth.

**Leader:** O Lord, open our lips,

**Congregation:** and our mouths will sing your praise.

### \*“Thy Mercy My God”

**Stoker/McCracken**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.  
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## Baptism of Miles Augustus Combs

### 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!*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### “Rejoice”

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Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; sing it again, we rejoice.  
Delight in the love he has shown us, gratefully lift up your voice.  
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.  
We gather in his goodness; a family of grace.

[Chorus]

With each breath he's given, praise the Lord!  
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.  
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure  
We have ev'ry reason to praise the Lord.

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.  
Come with a song of thanksgiving; lay your requests at his feet.  
His peace will fall upon us, to guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ, who reigns eternal; the Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; tell of the good he has done.  
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come.  
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.  
With praise that's never ending, we say again, "Rejoice!"

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**\*"Doxology"**

**Trinity 733**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Amen.

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**SERMON**  
*The Whole Counsel of God*

**Rev. Richard Downs**  
**Acts 20:17-38**

# 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 46**

**Q120 Leader:** Why did Christ command us to call God “our Father”?

**Congregation:** To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer — a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and that just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

**Q121 Leader:** Why the words “in heaven”?

**Congregation:** These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything needed for body and soul from God's almighty power.

## **INSTRUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

**\*“Behold the Lamb”**

**Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend**

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 Savior 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!

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”**

**Trinity 535**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth,  
changeth never, nevermore;

how he watches o'er his loved ones,  
died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to thee.

## **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**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Annual Congregational Meeting Today

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship today to reelect 2 officers, receive ministry updates and address other matters that may come before us. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



## UPC Card Ministry

There is room around the greeting card design table to help make cards to send to others. This ministry meets Monday, Monday, Nov. 18th at 10:00am in the church office. Come join us!

Contact Wietske Ligtenberg for more info.



## Thanksgiving Potluck & Ebenezer Service

Sunday, Nov. 24th with dinner in the Great room at 4:00pm & service at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Dinner will be a Mexican food theme. The Ebenezer Service is a time of worship for giving thanks through a time of testimony of the Lord's provision.



## The Pastoral Search Committee

Desires to hear your comments & questions throughout the process. Click the link in the CrossTalk or scan the QR code with your Phone



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!

## **STAFF**

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