

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

July 18, 2021

“Worry is not believing God will get it right,
and bitterness is believing God got it wrong.”

– Tim Keller

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Congregation: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Pastor: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

Congregation: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion

Pastor: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

Congregation: For he knows our frame, he remembers that we are dust.

Pastor: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Congregation: For as far as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Together: Praise the LORD, O MY SOUL.

† *Please stand if able*

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Come Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry ‘til you’re better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

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Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Trinity Hymnal #629

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(9:00 service)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because Christ Jesus died in your place,
for your sins, you are forgiven.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(11:00 service)*

James Rex Partin

Son of Martha and Jeff Partin

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end of the service.

OFFERTORY

+ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“Come Thou Fount”
Trinity Hymnal #457*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus, sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 6:25-34

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

SERMON: “God & Anxiety”*Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt**Matthew 6:25-34*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty;
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live with him and he in me. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“The Blessing”

Verse 1:

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace (2x)

Chorus:

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

(Repeat verse 1)

Chorus (2x)

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And Your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you

(Chorus)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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.

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

+BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Tuesday, July 20 –

Crichton Table, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 21 –

Women’s Summer Bible Study, 9:30-10:45 or
6:30-7:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 22 –

Youth FrisBible, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Day One – Matthew 18

Day Two – Psalm 63

Day Three – Matthew 19

Day Four – Matthew 20

Day Five – Proverbs 21

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THE SESSION

2021: John Bell, Bobby Crow, Robbie Turnipseed

2022: Bubba O’Gwynn, Brad Hoffman, Stephen Fitts,
Jimmy Dawood

2023: Lance Covan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Summer Bible Study – Philippians Bible Study NEXT Wednesday, July 21 is our final meeting.

Pray for Me – Want a simple way to invest in the next generation here at Covenant? This school year (starting September 10), every member of the congregation can sign up to champion one of our youth students (6th-12th grade) by praying for your student via prayer guide! There are signup sheets throughout the church or you can reach out to Rob (rob@covenantpresmobile.org) for more details.

Cypress Grove is Hiring – Positions are available in all subjects, grades fifth and sixth (except math), as well as Geometry and Pre-Algebra. Please contact Susan Currier at susanautry@yahoo.com if interested.