

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

October 1, 2023

“It is possible for men to have good thoughts of Christ, and yet, not right ones, a high opinion of him, and yet not high enough.”

– Matthew Henry

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 25:1-5

Pastor: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.
O my God, in you we trust.

**Congregation: Let us not be put to
shame; let not our enemies exult over us.**

Pastor: Indeed none who wait for you shall be
put to shame.

**Congregation: Make us to know your
ways, O Lord: teach us your paths.**

**Together: Lead us in your truth and teach
us, for you are the God of our Salvation;
for you we wait all the day long!**

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
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And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev’ry kindred ev’ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We’ll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We’ll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nelson Tift Lyons III (9:00 service)

Son of Tift & Lilly Lyons

William Ross Cooksey V (11:00 service)

Son of Will & Candace Cooksey

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

“Goodness of God”

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I’ve been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I’ve known You as a father
I’ve known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

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Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Answering the Most Important Question Ever Asked”

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

THE LORD'S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again,
according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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

“Only a Holy God/Holy, Holy, Holy”

Who else commands all the host of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God

What other beauty, demands such praises?
What other splendor, outshines the sun?
What other majesty, rules with justice?
Only a holy God

Chorus:
Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God

And what other glory, consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name, remains undefeated?
Only a holy God

Chorus

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Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a holy God
Only my holy God

Chorus 2x

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

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. Amen. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: Worship & Lunch on the Bay –
Join us Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Battleship Memorial Parkway as we worship on the bay and gather together afterwards for lunch.

Youth Group is Tonight! See times and locations.
Middle school: Small Groups 4:30-5:45 (Youth Room)
Dinner for All: 6:00-6:45 (Crichton Table Room)
High school: Small Groups 7:00-8:15 (Youth Room)
Check the website for more information and if you'd like to sign up to provide a meal.

Ladies' Fellowship November 12th – Save the date for an evening of fellowship at the church. More details to come.

CovBoys Bible Club is this Wednesday! First-fourth grade boys, join us after school until 4:15 for snack, Bible and fellowship!