



Tates Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

June 28, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *I Need Thee Every Hour* (Robert Lowry, Arr. Lynerd)

Call to Worship from Isaiah 9

LEADER:

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called:

PEOPLE:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Wonderful Merciful Savior* (Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse)

Wonderful merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

CHORUS:

**You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

Counselor Comforter Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way (**CHORUS**)

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne (**CHORUS**)

Invocation, Welcome, and Announcements

Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God’s word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in his gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Invocation

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

Scripture Reading

 Psalm 139:1-12

- 1**O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
2You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
3You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
5You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
6Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
7Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
8If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
9If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
11If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
12even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

LEADER:

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,...

PEOPLE:

...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Confession of God's People

PEOPLE:

Merciful Father, We confess our sinful response to the trials and discomforts of our lives. We have resented our neediness and have not turned to you as our defender and friend. Instead, we have directed our gaze to earthly things that falsely promise escape and comfort:

the approval of others;

the possessions that we have or want;

the allure of misused sexuality;

the distraction of work and entertainment;

the temptation to trust our abilities and sufficiency.

In our willful blindness to your love and comfort, we are guilty and without excuse. Look upon our helpless state and lead us to the cross.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Has your strength failed you?

MINISTER:

Has your God failed you?

MINISTER:

Do you turn from yourself and return to your God?

PEOPLE:

Always.

PEOPLE:

Never.

PEOPLE:

We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Romans 8

MINISTER:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Hymn of Renewal

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

(Graham Kendrick | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty)

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

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Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

CHORUS:

I rejoice in my Redeemer

Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul

I will trust in Him no other

My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die

Fame youth and beauty hurry by

But life eternal calls to us at the cross (**CHORUS**)

I will not boast in wealth or might

Or human wisdom's fleeting light

But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (**CHORUS**)

Two wonders here that I confess

My worth and my unworthiness

My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross (**CHORUS**)

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

UNISON:

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 Spirit, 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 on 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 Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

Doxology Old Hundredth

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

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture Reading Romans 8:26-27

26Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27**And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

MINISTER:
The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

“The Groaning of God Himself”

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Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

Anthem

It is not just financial offerings that we give to God during this time but offerings of beauty as well. While the offering is collected, our choir offers up to God beautifully-composed music with text that meditates upon the truths of the gospel and the promises of God. God's gift of music (along with the work of his Spirit) helps us feel deeply and marvel at who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

Sermon

The preaching of God's Word in the context of holy worship is the primary means of God's voice to His people. Our trust is not in the ability of the preacher, but in the promise that God, by His Spirit working in and through His word, is speaking to us in exceptional ways. Therefore, we open our minds and hearts to the uniquely formative power of ordained preaching.

Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision* (Ada Ruth Habershon | Matthew Merker)

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven the victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

May Actual Giving:	\$195,404	YTD Actual Giving (Oct-May):	\$1,489,011
May Giving Goal:	\$183,067	YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-May):	\$1,622,182
Difference:	+12,337	Difference:	-\$133,171

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