

Tates Creek PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **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 ioining 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.

# Order of Worship

July 19, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

**REJOICE** Declare the praises of God

# **Prelude**

# Call to Worship from Psalm 96:1-4

LEADER:

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**PEOPLE:** 

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

LEADER:

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**PEOPLE:** 

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

# **Hymn of Rejoicing** Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save: His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known. One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.

Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!

**Invocation, Welcome, and Announcements** 

# **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

### **Scripture Reading** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am

orphans and not as though we are your children. Forgive us for thinking we

are all alone, for trusting only in ourselves, and for being drawn to either

LEADER: PEOPLE:

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **Confession of God's People**

weak, then I am strong.

# UNISON: O Loving Father, we acknowledge that we have lived as though we are

pride or depression when we look at others. We are scared, doubting, and defensive. We lack a child-like faith. Our sins are many but none is greater than our failure to live as your daughters and sons. Have mercy on us, Abba, Father!

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

# Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:
Is God a perfect father?

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Do you renounce the ways you have tried to live apart from His Fatherly care?

PEOPLE:

We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Psalm 103:11-13

MINISTER:

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**PEOPLE:** 

He is.

Confession of God's People
In the Confession of Sin we humbly

confess our sin and shame togeth-

er. We do this corporately through

a unison litany or prayer and in-

dividually through a moment of

silence for private confession.

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

**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.

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### **Hymn of Renewal** Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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# **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

# Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism #23-26

MINISTER:

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

### **PEOPLE:**

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

MINISTER:

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

### **PEOPLE:**

In revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

MINISTER:

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

### **PEOPLE:**

In his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

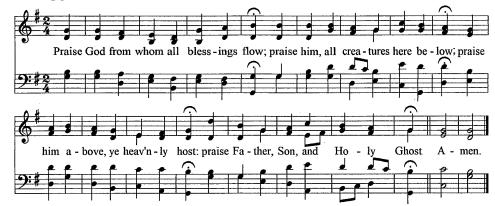
MINISTER:

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

### **PEOPLE:**

In subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

### **Doxology** Old Hundredth



# **Offertory Prayer**

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

# 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.

### Hymn of Preparation Use Me

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### REFRAIN:

If you can use anything Lord, You can use me
If You can use anything Lord, You can use me
Take my hands Lord and my feet
Touch my heart Lord, speak through me
If You can use anything Lord, You can use me

I remember a story in the Bible days
You took a man called Moses with a rod in his hand
You told Moses, "Take the rod in your hand,
Stretch it forth and walk on dry land"
If You can use anything Lord, You can use me

I remember a story, I remember it well He took a shepherd boy, David, with a sling in his hand He took the rock with the sling in his hand Flung the rock and the giant fell dead And I know if You can use anything, You can use me

### Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-6, 9-14; 4:1-17

Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to

9And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.
10Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

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13Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you."

**4:1**Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" 2The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." 3And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. 4But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— 5"that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." 6 Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. 8"If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. 9If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

10 But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." 11 Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." 13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." 14 Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. 15 You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. 16 He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. 17 And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs."

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All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.** 

# Sermon Rev. Sam Taaffe, RUF Minister at the University of Kentucky Sermon The preaching of God's Word in "Please Send Someone Else!" 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 Lord I Need You

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# 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

June Actual Giving: June Giving Goal: **Difference:** 

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\$172,603 \$186,440 **-13,837**  YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Jun):
YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Jun):

Difference:

\$1,711,720 \$1,858,486 **-\$146,766** 

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