

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 joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Order of Worship

August 2, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 145

LEADER:

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE:

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

LEADER:

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

PEOPLE:

**All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

Hymn of Rejoicing *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invocation

Welcome & Announcements

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

- 1**But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- 2**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3**For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4**Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
- 5**Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
- 6**I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
- 7**everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

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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.**

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.

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.

Confession of God's People

UNISON:

Heavenly Father, your promises are endless, but we find it so hard to believe and trust. You are sovereign, but we fear our circumstances. You are faithful, but we fear the future. You are mighty, but we fear the world. You are gracious, but we fear our sins. You are risen, but we fear our death. Forgive our unbelief and restore to us an unshakable confidence in you.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you turn from the vanity of your fears?

PEOPLE:

We do.

MINISTER:

Do you return to the surety of your God?

PEOPLE:

We do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Luke 12

MINISTER:

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Hymn of Renewal | Will Glory in My Redeemer

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1. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er whose price-less blood has ran-somed
2. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, my life He bought, my love He
3. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er who car-ries me on ea-gles'



me; mine was the sin that drove the
owns. I have no long - ings for an -
wings He crowns my life with lov - ing -



bit - ter nails and hung Him on that judg - ment tree. I will
oth - er, I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. I will
kind - nes, His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing. I will



glo-ry in my Re-deem-er who crushed the power of sin and
glo-ry in my Re-deem-er His faith - ful - ness my stand - ing
glo-ry in my Re-deem-er who waits for me at gates of



death, my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the
place, though foes are might - y and rush up -
gold, and when He calls me it will be



ho - ly Judge, the Lamb who is my righ - teous - ness, the
on me my feet are firm, held by His grace, my
par - a - dise His face for - ev - er to be hold, His



Lamb who is my righ - teous - ness.
feet are firm, held by His grace.
face for - ev - er to be hold.

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 from the Heidelberg Catechism

MINISTER:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

PEOPLE:

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

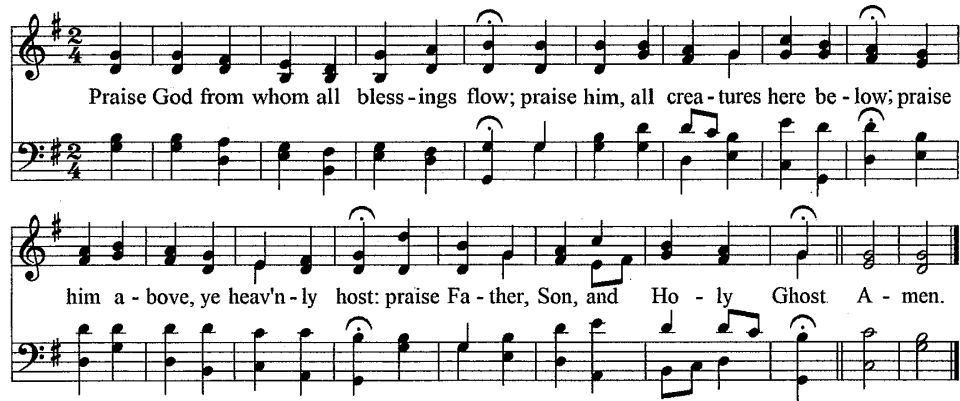
MINISTER:

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

PEOPLE:

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

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.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *Jesus Strong and Kind*

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Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to Him. *For the*
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to Him.



Lord is good and faith - ful, He will keep us day and night. We can



al - ways come to Je - sus, Je - sus strong and kind.

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, **4**who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **5**For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. **6**If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. **7**Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

8For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. **9**Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. **10**He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. **11**You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

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.

Sermon McClellan Holt, Youth Ministry Director

"The God of True Comfort"

Hymn of Response *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

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May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



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

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| June Actual Giving: | \$172,603 | YTD Actual Giving (Oct-Jun): | \$1,711,720 |
| June Giving Goal: | \$186,440 | YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-Jun): | \$1,858,486 |
| Difference: | -13,837 | Difference: | -\$146,766 |

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!

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