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Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Have you ever wondered why Christians gather to worship God? Here is one answer: To re-present and respond to the great story of what God has done in Jesus Christ to save sinners like us. Notice that there is a distinct Gospel structure to every part of our worship service:

- Adoration. We adore and praise God for His greatness and grace.
 Today we praise God for reigning and ruling over all as our King.
- Confession. We acknowledge our sin and need for the Lord's grace. II Chronicles 7:14 says: "If my people... will humble themselves and pray..." Confession of sin is one way we humble ourselves in God's presence.
- **Assurance.** We experience anew God's grace found in the one who delighted to be called the friend of sinners (Matthew 11:16-19).
- Thanksgiving. We respond with thanksgiving for the generosity
 of God's grace in Jesus by offering to Him all that we are and have
 (II Corinthians 8:9).
- **Intercession.** We express our dependence upon the Lord and His grace by prayer (I Timothy 2:1-2). True intercession takes the persons and places in the world where evil is assaulting the kingdom of God and pleads that the strong hand of God might defeat evil.
- Instruction. We hear God's Word read and preached so that seekers
 might find new life in Christ and so that believers might "grow in the
 grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).
- Charge and Benediction. We are challenged to live in light of God's grace and are sent forth to serve in the strength of His grace (Hebrews 13:20-21).

As we worship today, may the King of glory be enthroned in our hearts, His praises be upon our lips and His character be reflected in our lives.

Praise the King's Greatness

ORGAN PRELLIDE:

"Allegro moderato e seriouso" from <i>Sonata No.</i> 1 Felix Mendelssohn "Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn
Samuel Metzger, organ
CHORAL INTROIT: "I Was Glad"
I was glad, glad when they said unto me, We will go, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem!
The Chancel Choir Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
CALL TO WORSHIP
ϕ HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 2 "O Worship the King"LYONSstanzas 1-5
*PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 145:1-10 Ryan Williams
I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you

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

and praise your name forever and ever.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

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

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

Prize the King's Friendship

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father, through Jesus we have come to know Your name. Forgive us for living to make our name great rather than Yours, for seeking more Your blessings than Your face, and for making excuses rather than turning from our sinful ways. We confess to You our struggle with spiritual cancer: The pride of place, race, face, and grace. May times of refreshing come to us from Your presence as You give us the gift of repentance that leads to life. This we pray for Jesus' sake and for His glory, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS......T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy".....arr. Evelyn Larter

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore, Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r. He is able, He is able, He is willing doubt no more.

Agonizing in the garden, lo! Your master prostrate lies; On the bloody tree behold Him, hear Him cry before He dies. "It is finished, it is finished," will not this suffice?

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Steve Hancock, violin

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Pursue the King's Face

†GREETINGS

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

The Key to Spiritual Revival

but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

 †HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

 No. 598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
 CWM RHONDDA

†BENEDICTION

SERMON

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Finale" from Sonata No. 1................... Alexandre Guilmant

♦ Indicates congregation standing

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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