


WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

BEHOLD
THE
GLO R Y

A stylized globe composed of concentric orange and yellow lines. A red location pin icon is centered on the globe, with blue lines radiating outwards from its base. The text "BEHOLD THE GLO R Y" is overlaid on the globe, with "THE" in a smaller font above "GLO R Y".

THE FIRST
SUNDAY *of* LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 · 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today marks the first Sunday in the season of Lent, a 40-day season of spiritual preparation that occurs right before our celebration of Easter. Traditionally, Lent has been observed through the practice of increased focus on spiritual disciplines such as giving, devotions, and even giving up certain things for a period of 40 days.

While it has been taught this way at some points in history, Lent is not about anything we do to earn favor with God. Instead, it is meant to be a time of increased focus on Jesus, the only way to be truly made right with God. We encourage you to observe this period of preparation by actively seeking the Lord through prayer, fasting, and self-denial; carefully evaluating yourself and repenting; and reading and meditating on the life-giving Word of God. Through it all, may we come to find rest, joy, and delight in our faithful Savior, who was tempted 40 days and nights in the wilderness, yet did not sin, before He began His life-giving ministry.

As we anticipate celebrating the good news of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, let us focus our hearts afresh so that we may say with full conviction with John the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

GOD'S GLORY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" Henry Purcell; arr. Dupré
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Be Still and Know/Be Still My Soul" Mark Hayes
Jill Peak, piano

A WORD ON WORSHIP George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: "This Is the Day" John Wilson
This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad!
*The Chancel Choir
Christy Young, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 111 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA
Our children's choirs are learning this hymn this month.

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦PSALTER LESSON: Select verses from Psalm 8 and 19 Will Stevens

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**The heavens declare the glory of God
and the skies above proclaim his handiwork.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him
and the son of man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Let the words of my mouth
and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

✦DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

*Margaret Ruth Taylor, born January 16, 2016, daughter of Kate and Phil Taylor
Frederick Brant Wilson, born August 8, 2017, son of Tate and Webb Wilson
James Wade Zambetti, born December 2, 2017, son of Maggie and Ben Zambetti
Eleanor Louise Taylor, born November 15, 2017, daughter of Robin and Patrick Taylor*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

GOD'S GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
Your Word declares that against You, You only,
have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.
We confess that we have forsaken the Creator's fountain of living waters
for the temporal pleasures of this world.
We have robbed You of Your glory
by seeking to make our names great.
We have clung to our idols
instead of delighting in Your promises.
We have despised the Son and have refused to believe the Gospel.
O Lord, have mercy on us.
Make us eager to forsake our sin,
and give to us broken and contrite hearts that You will accept.
Open our eyes to see Your beauty and abundant grace
so that we may find rest in our Savior, Jesus Christ.
In Your Holy name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "How Excellent Thy Name"G. F. Handel
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

How excellent!
How excellent Thy name, O Lord,
In all the world is known!
Above all heav'ns, O King adored,
How You have set Thy glorious throne!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS

A WORD ON WORLD MISSIONS Ginna and Jason Rauls
World Missions Stewardship Chairs

GOD’S WORD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 621 “Sometimes a Light Surprises” BENTLEY
*stanza 1: Choir
stanzas 2-4: Congregation*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 6:8-7:8
(page 914 in the pew Bible)

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.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *The Church That Christ Built* George W. Robertson
in the Old Testament, Part 1

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 347 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**
**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**
**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

✦BENEDICTION *(please raise hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” . . . Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

I. Nowhere (Acts 7:1-5)

II. Anywhere (Acts 7:6-8)

A. Patient

B. Primary

C. Powerful

D. Persevering

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. The evening sermon is based on the same passage of Scripture and is a continuation from what is preached during the morning services. We invite you to worship with us!