

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

HOPE OF THE NATIONS



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

In the Ancient Near East, people typically thought of gods as tied to their specific location. The more powerful their ruler became, the greater their god was. The God of Moses made clear that He was not a local tribal deity but was God both in Egypt and in the land that would come to be called Israel. When Jesus' name is revealed as King of kings in Revelation 19:16, it demonstrates that Jesus is not limited to working among one people, location, or nation. Jesus is actually the king over all cities, peoples, and nations. He reigns in every locale and every nation owes Him praise and loyalty.

While none of us consider Jesus to merely be a local tribal deity, many of us treat him in that way. We act as if He were only the God of our people or our country. Today we celebrate the truth that Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords and the only one worthy of the worship of all nations. What does it say of Jesus, that He accepts praise in thousands of languages, and that the beautiful aspects of every culture reflect His image? God, who created all cultures, is redeeming people from every culture through Jesus. The result will be that together, as a whole, with every tribe, language, people, and nation, we will one day fully reflect His image and reveal His glory.

As the flags enter and bow before Jesus, as missionaries are introduced from many countries, contemplate how great our God is, who is worthy of praise from every people and nation in the world. Rejoice that Jesus is not a local tribal deity but the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"arr. Fred Bock
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "The Power of the Cross"arr. Mark Hayes
Samuel Metzger, conductor

CALL TO WORSHIP Guille MacKenzie, *Argentina* (8:15)
Gibson Nkanaunena, *Malawi* (11:00)

♣ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 263 "Lift High the Cross"CRUCIFER

♣ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*). Tim, *East Asia* (8:15)
Marcelo Robles, *Argentina* (11:00)

♣ PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3. Jackie, *Indonesia* (8:15)
Nicole, *Southeast Asia* (11:00)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

♣ DOXOLOGY. OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PROCLAIM HIS GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Andy Cheely, *Global* (8:15)
Dave, *Middle East* (11:00)

**Lord Jesus, we acknowledge You as the hope of all nations.
You sacrificed Yourself to restore the nations of the world
unto fellowship with You.
We acknowledge how often we think primarily
of our own nation and our own people.
We are suspicious of those not like us
and are reluctant to sacrifice ourselves for the benefit of other ethnicities.
We have not interceded for other nations as a kingdom of priests
or acted to serve them in love.
We confess these sins to You
and ask You to remake us into the likeness of Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Isaiah 53:5

*But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD Dan Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My God Is So High" Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

My God is so high, you can't get over Him.
He's so low, you can't get under Him.
He's so wide, you can't get 'round Him.
You must come in by and through the Lamb.
One day as I was walkin' along the heavn'ly road,
My Savior spoke unto me and He filled my heart with His love.
I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow,
And if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I go.

*Donavon Hughes, soloist
The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Leslie Kuhn, *Germany*

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES AND GUESTS

MISSIONARY INTERVIEWS George Robertson

Faith Blanchard, *Uganda* (8:15)
Josh Berkey, *Indonesia* (11:00)

JOIN HIS MISSION TO THE NATIONS

✦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:

"Facing a Task Unfinished" Ed Cash, Fionan DeBarra, and Keith Getty

**Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees.
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.**

**Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied Thee, defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.**

*We go to all the world with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ, the Lord.*

**We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, that same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.**

**O Father, who sustained them, O Spirit, who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 5:14-16 Steve Spencer, *South Africa* (8:15)
(page 810 in the pew Bible) Tim Byrd, *Zambia* (11:00)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON

The World Needs Some Light

Richard Pratt

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Zion, Haste" arr. Craig Courtney

Choir:

Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach
The Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

✦*Congregation joins:*

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
Or of the life He died for them to win.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Give of your sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont"Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Carolyn Kinsey, French horn; Stan Head, percussion; Brad Jones, piano;
Greg Luscombe and Nathan DuVall, trombone; Alex Schuettrumpf and Yiming Zhang, trumpet*

Richard Pratt

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Sunday Night Worship

This evening at 6:00, we will conclude our World Missions Conference in the Sanctuary. We'll hear from Richard Pratt and commission our short-term mission teams. We invite you to worship with us!