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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

In corporate worship, we invest extended time in prayer. We do this primarily because God commands us to seek Him in prayer. Prayer also serves as one of the main ways that we exercise our faith in God as well as an antidote for our anxious hearts (Luke 18:1; Philippians 4:6-7).

If you have attempted to pray at all, you recognize that prayer is hard work and that all of us struggle to pray well. Therefore, we constantly need our Lord's guidance. This is why we regularly use the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for our own praying.

According to the Lord's Prayer, evil exists in the world and has its origin in the Evil One. All of us easily succumb to His agenda when we profane God's name, oppose God's kingdom, resist God's will, fail to forgive those who sin against us, and fail to resist temptation. On the contrary, Jesus' prayer empowers us to refocus on the Lord: His praise, His program, His plan, His provision, His pardon, and His protection.

Today when we bow our heads and hearts in prayer, let us remember that we are participating with our Lord in His uprising against the disorder of our hearts and our world. Let us ask Him to strengthen our capacity to trust Him for He has promised to rescue us from our perilous life on earth and bring us safely home to heaven.

CROWN OUR EXALTED KING

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

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE:
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Tim Zimmerman

CHORAL INTROIT:
"The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns" arr. John Ferguson

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.
The highest place that heav'n affords belongs to Him by right;
The King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's Eternal Light.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan G. Burns

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S EXALTATION:
No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

✦READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE: Revelation 1:12-20. Ginni Fischer (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me,
and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,
and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man,
clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

**The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow.
His eyes were like a flame of fire,
his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,
and his voice was like the roar of many waters.**

In his right hand he held seven stars,
from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,
and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

**When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.
But he laid his right hand on me, saying,
“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.**

I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,
and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
Write therefore the things that you have seen,
those that are and those that are to take place after this.

**As for the mystery of the seven stars
that you saw in my right hand,
and the seven golden lampstands,
the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches,
and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIADEMATA

**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ACKNOWLEDGE OUR TREASONOUS WAYS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
Your Word promises that our times are in Your hands.
Yet, the storms of our lives cause us to question
Your infinite wisdom, perfect love, and sovereign power.
Forgive us for challenging You by saying:
“If You had been here, this would not have happened.”
Fill us anew with Your Spirit so that
Your perfect peace guards our hearts,
and we fix our minds steadfastly upon You.
For we pray in the matchless name of Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 168 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” TOULON

stanzas 1-4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All My Hope On God Is Founded" . . arr. Daniel Musselman
Text by Joachim Neander
Tune by Herbert Howells

All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew;
Me through change and chance He guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust;
Though with care and toil we build them, tow'r and temple fall to dust.
But God's pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.

God's great goodness lasts forever, deep His wisdom, passing thought;
Splendor, light and life attend Him, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from His store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Day by day the mighty Giver showers gifts on us below;
His desire our souls delight in, pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at His hand, joy awaits at His command!

Still from earth to God in heaven sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ His Son.
Hear Christ call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TOULON

**Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Yvonne K. Hardin

TRUST OUR LIFE-GIVING LORD

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:17-27
(page 897 in 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 *Do You Believe This?* David A. Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death" . .KINGSFOLD



1. If Christ had not been raised from death our faith would be in vain,
2. If Christ still lay with - in the tomb then death would be the end,
3. If Christ had not been tru - ly raised his church would live a lie;



our prea - ching but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt re - main.
and we should face our fi - nal doom with nei - ther guide nor friend.
his name should ne - ver more be praised, his words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; he rules in earth and heav'n:
But now the Sa - vior is raised up, so when a Chris - tian dies
But now our great Re - dee - mer lives; through him we are re - stored;



his Gos - pel meets a world of need in Christ we are for - giv'n.
we mourn, yet look to God in hope in Christ the saints a - rise!
his word en - dures, his church re - vives in Christ, our ri - sen Lord.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini

♠Indicates congregation standing

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