

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

"Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God." Isaac Watts

October 18, 2020

10:45 AM

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS-PASTOR BARNES

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP-*PSALM 96:7-9*

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples!

Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name!

Congregation: Bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Worship the Lord in holy attire!

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 53*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,

If with his love he befriend thee.

**Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.**

How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,

Spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

Gladly fore'er we adore him.

THE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father which 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.**

THE HYMN OF DEVOTION
Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sa - - - vior,
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - - - er,
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - - - ther,

pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend. _____
 Spir - it we long to em - brace, _____
 faith - ful in lov - ing Your own. _____

Who would have thought that a Lamb could
 You off - er hope when our hearts have
 Here in our weak - ness You find us

res - cue the souls of men? O _____ You
 hope - less - ly lost our way. O _____ we've
 fall - ing be - fore Your throne. O _____ we're

res - cued the souls of men. _____
 hope - less - ly lost our way. _____
 fall - ing be - fore Your throne. _____

25 You are the One that we praise! _____
 29 You are the One we a - dore! _____

34 You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways
 38 hun - ger for, O _____ our hearts al - ways
 hun - ger for. _____

(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates on the table at the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service, or you may give online by going to www.tpcstatesboro.com.)

THE SERVICE OF FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. [*universal]

THE DOXOLOGY-NO. 733

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING-1 *PETER* 5:12-14

The Reader: The Word of the Lord!

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Reader: May God's Word live in us!

The Congregation: And bear much fruit to His glory!

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: Let us pray that we will stand firm in the grace of God.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, thank You for redeeming us by the rich grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that by the Holy Spirit we may have the spiritual strength to stand firm, immovable, in that very same grace; this we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your eternal Son, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PSALM OF PREPARATION-*THE PSALTER* 123A

I Lift My Eyes to You (stanzas 1 & 2)

**I lift my eyes to You, enthroned above the skies.
As slaves look to their master's hand, to You I lift my eyes.**

**As to her lady's hand a slave girl turns her face,
So we look to the Lord our God that He might show us grace.**

THE PRAYERS OF ADORATION

THE PRIVATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need Your help. We confess that we have wandered from Your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

THE SERVICE OF WORD

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-NO. 303

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

**Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; you must work all good within us.**

**Glorious Lord, your self impart, Light of light from God proceeding;
Open now our ears and heart, help us by your Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry your people raises, hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust and obtain true consolation,
While we here below must wander, till we sing your praises yonder.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON-MARK 4:1-2, 10-12, 33-34

THE SERMON-PASTOR BARNES
“The Teaching Method of Jesus”

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-NO. 469
How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

**How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.**

**While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”**

**“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”**

**‘Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.**

**Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.**

**We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

All are standing
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