

MORNING WORSHIP

October 14, 2018

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 145:3–4, 21; Matthew 28:19–20;

Psalm 22:27–30

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

There is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord and the families of the nations will bow down to him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules the nations.

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

* Hymn: "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

PH 542

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

God who calls us to your mission, raise up workers for your Kingdom. Not just any warm body, but Jesus-followers who model servant leadership and help all your people to live the gospel. May we see beyond the usual suspects to develop leaders who humbly carry your power and authority, serve the poor, stand against evil, and comfort the afflicted; and may your Spirit work in us so that we all participate eagerly and joyfully in the mission to which you call us. Amen.

* Response: "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

PH 539, vv. 1, 4, 5

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: *Our World Belongs to God*, PH 1033

Following the apostles, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ

and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, to bring water to the thirsty, to welcome the stranger, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, and to free the prisoner.

We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

We pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith, and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see our mission in God's world.

Jesus Christ rules over all.

To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are without fitting in, light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world.

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O God, as you once claimed us by your Spirit in the waters of baptism and number us among your own beloved, give us power to do your work, to show your love, and to live holy and joyful lives. Forgive us for the ways we neglect your mission, whether by ignorance or willful neglect. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives:

Mark 16:15; Matthew 10:7; Colossians 1:28;
Luke 4:18–19; Acts 13:38

Leader: All baptized Christians share in the calling that Jesus gave to his disciples:

German: Geht in die ganze Welt und verkündet der ganzen Schöpfung das Evangelium!

Leader: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Swahili: Na mnapokwenda, hubirini mkisema, 'Ufalme wa mbinguni umekaribia.

Leader: "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'"

Swahili: Kwa sababu hii tunamtangaza Kristo, tukiwaonya na kuwa fundisha watu wote kwa hekima yote ili tuweze kumleta kila mmoja mbele ya Mungu akiwa amekamilika katika Kristo.

Leader: We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Portuguese: Jesus disse: "O Espírito do Senhor está sobre mim, porque ele me ungiu para pregar boas novas aos pobres. Ele me enviou para proclamar Liberdade aos presos e recuperação da vista aos cegos, para libertar os oprimidos e proclamar o ano da graça do Senhor."

Leader: As Jesus proclaims, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

German: Daß es durch Jesus Vergebung der Sünden gibt. Dank sei Gott!

Leader: For through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed. Thanks be to God!

Response: "Here I Am, Lord"

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Assurance of Pardon: based on Belgic Confession Art. 34; Colossians 2:12

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" PH 527

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:30-48

Sermon: *A Story to Tell*

Prayer

* Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" PH 530

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Ministry Report: Bob and Wanda McRae

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction: II Thessalonians 2:16-17

In response to what we have heard and to what we know ourselves to be, let us begin anew.

We have been called to participate in his mission.

The Lord has laid upon us the call to be a light in his world.

Let us offer ourselves to him and to that world, which is his own.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace, with the blessing of God: may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Amen.

* Doxology: "He Is Lord" PH 633

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

* Postlude
