

Bulletin for Worship

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Moment for Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing, Hunger Program

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Call to Worship

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God is writing a covenant upon our hearts, a covenant of love and justice. A covenant of peace and healing. Come, hear God's voice and learn to be wise.

Holy Lord, we commit our lives to You. We have chosen to be wise. Come and teach us the Law of Life and Wisdom.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #264 "At the Name of Jesus"

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to You, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in You

that the message of peace and mercy You have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Our confidence is in the grace of God and love that Jesus has for us. It is God's desire that we are free from our sins and given the gift of fullness of life. As we turn to God, and let go of our grievances, our hostility, and our judgment, the law of God is written upon our hearts.

The Holy Spirit places within us the law of peace, kindness, hope, and confidence. Through the sacrifice Jesus has made for us, we have been forgiven and set free.

Glory to God Hymnal Kyrie

Lord, Have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the

earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Message: "God Promises that We Shall Bear Fruit"
Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #546 "Lord Dismiss Us"

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

*TEXT: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.
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Benediction