

The Lord's Day | December 27, 2020

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Discipleship Group: Zoom meeting, this Saturday, from 7:00 – 9:00AM. See John Daniello for details.

Tithes and Offerings: Although we are not taking an offering during the worship service, you may place any offerings in the plate in the Narthex. You may also mail checks to the church (1602 Linen Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online (grpca.org/give).

Preparation for Worship:

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

All: because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

All: what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Leader: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

All: You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

Leader: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Invocation

+Opening Hymn:

How Great Thou Art

Call to Confession:

Romans 5:12

Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Prayer of Confession:

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us; we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beg you, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Worship)

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 5:15,18-19

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

+Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and of the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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+Song of Response:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Pastoral Prayer**+Scripture Reading:**

1 Timothy 2:8-15

Sermon: *God's Good Order*

Rev. Eric Tracy

+Closing Hymn:

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

+Benediction

+Please stand if able

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art

How great Thou art

Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee

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When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think
that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou
art

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

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Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes