

The Lord's Day | January 24, 2021

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Tithes and Offerings: Although we are not taking an offering during the worship service you may mail checks to the church (1602 Linden Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online (grpca.org/give).

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 31st: The meeting will start 10-minutes after the service. We will review the 2021 budget which the session has already approved, hear ministry reports from various members and learn more about the pastoral transition Envisioning Team.

Preparation for Worship

Ephesians 2:19-20

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Call to Worship

Psalms 122:11

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise:

Our God

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hebrews 10:21-22

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Song of Response:

And Can It Be

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading:

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Message: *The Mystery of Godliness*

Pastor Stan Long

Closing Song:

Doxology

Benediction

Our God

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

**Chorus: Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God**

Bridge: And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

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And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

**Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!)
and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me! [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
[Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my
own. [Refrain]

Author: Charles Wesley (1738; Alt. 1990) Composer: Thomas Campbell (1825)