

The Lord's Day | February 21, 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 Linen Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online (grpca.org/give).

Preparation for Worship:

2 Corinthians 4:5

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Children's Moment

Call to Worship:

Psalm 9:1-2

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Invocation

Opening Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Confession:

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord our God, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. Yet You warn that whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point is guilty of all. We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in Jesus' name. Blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquities. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Cast all our sins behind Your back and remember them no more. And lead us by Your Spirit in new obedience, that we might honor you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We ask all of this in the precious name of our great High Priest, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Leading in Worship)

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Faith:

Westminster Shorter Catechism #7-9

Leader: What are the decrees of God?

All: The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Leader: How doth God execute his decrees?

All: God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Leader: What is the work of creation?

All: The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Song of Response:

O Great God

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Timothy 5:17-25

Sermon: *Honor and Accountability*

Rev. Eric Tracy

Closing Hymn:

Doxology

Benediction

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'ershade 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.

Author: Joachim Neander (1680) Translator: Catherine
Winkworth (1863; alt. 1990) Source: Stralsund Gesangbuch,
1665; Arr. In Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face

You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me
(REPEAT)

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