

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Choral Introit

#2088, "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Sing the Faith Hymnal

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

[Based on Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-6]

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

People: For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Preparing for God's Word

Hymn of Adoration

#363, "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And gather all the saints
To their eternal home;

Prayer of Confession

[time of silent confession]

All: Loving and Holy God, we know that you heal the brokenhearted and hurting. We ask that you might save us from our sin this day. All too often we bear grudges against those who deceive us or wish to see those who hurt us to get what they deserve. We sometimes judge others as unworthy of our time because of their pasts. We look at what others are doing with their lives and deem them unworthy of our respect and support. And yet Jesus had compassion upon all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when our hearts are hardened against those around us in need. Help us to better reflect your love and grace each day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[Based on Romans 8.34; 2 Corinthians 5.17]

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ.

People: But Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hearing God's Word

Time with Young Disciples

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

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Hymn of Preparation

#2064, "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

Oh Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek,
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, You're wonderful,
Your touch is all I need
And when Your hand is on this child,
Your healing I receive

Oh Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek,
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went — into villages, towns or countryside — they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

Sermon

"Cross Purposes... Gimme A Break"

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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

[The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1]

Leader: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Response

#824, "Near to the Heart of God"

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God;
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

“The Master's Hand”
Union Presbyterian Church Choir
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Benediction

Benediction Response

#306, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” vs. 1,3

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Postlude