

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

I believe in the forgiveness of sins.

GATHERING

Welcome

(from HC #54)

L What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

C I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #466)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Confession of Sin

(Psalm 51:1-12)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

(from Psalm 103:1-13)

L Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

L who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

C who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

L The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

C He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

L The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

L He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

L as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

C As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

“East/West (Psalm 103)”

The Heidelberg Catechism

(from HC #88-90)

L What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

C Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

L What is the dying-away of the old self?

C To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

L What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

C Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Sermon Text Reading

Romans 7:21-8:4 (ESV, p. 1122)

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (ESV, p. 1148)

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #280)

"Amazing Grace"

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your mercy,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

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.

And 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

SENDING OUT

* Hymn (Blue #467)

"How Great Thou Art"

*Blessing and Benediction

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary.

You can give online using the **QR code** or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signups are on the table in the south alcove.



The Toledo Mud Hens will have **Faith in the Stadium** today. The game starts at 2:00 p.m. and we will be having dinner together after the game. After the service, let's decide when we are leaving and who is driving.

Connie Cobb peacefully passed away in her daughter's home last Wednesday morning. Tentatively, the service will be here on Saturday, August 29th at 11:30 a.m., with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the south alcove. A lunch will follow the service. She will be interred at Hockman Cemetery in McClure that afternoon.

Congregational Life meets on Thursday, September 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

We are tentatively moving **worship** back upstairs on Sunday, September 6th depending on weather conditions.

Connect to the Community meets on Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 13th, there will be a **potluck** here after worship.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BEACHWOOD: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Carol Detmer, Sandee Scheweter, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

East/ West (Psalm 103)

By Paul Zach, produced by Isaac Wardell

Off the RP "God is the Friend of Silence"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpYHiuk9pXw>

[Verse 1]

Bless the Lord O, my soul
All that is within me bless His name
He forgives all our sin
He is slow to anger, full of grace

[Chorus 1]

As high as the heavens are up above
So is the greatness of His love
As far as the East is from the West
He removes our sin from us
far as the East is from the West
far as the East is from the West

[Verse 2]

For the Lord knows our frame
Short our days from dust to dust we fade
But His love will remain
Merciful to those who fear His name

[Chorus 2]

As high as the heavens are up above
So is the greatness of His love
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[Bridge]

And the steadfast love of the Lord
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