

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:4, 6

Minister: *Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! Honor and majesty surround Him; strength and beauty fill His sanctuary.*

Invocation

Minister

✠Hymn of Worship

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, / A bulwark never failing; / Our helper He amid the flood / Of mortal ills prevailing. / For still our ancient foe / Doth seek to work us woe; / His craft and power are great, / And, armed with cruel hate, / On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, / Our striving would be losing, / Were not the right man on our side, / The man of God's own choosing. / Dost ask who that may be? / Christ Jesus, it is He; / Lord Sabaoth His name, / From age to age the same, / And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, / Should threaten to undo us, / We will not fear, for God hath willed / His truth to triumph through us. / The prince of darkness grim, / We tremble not for him; / His rage we can endure, / For lo, his doom is sure: / One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, / No thanks to them, abideth; / The Spirit and the gifts are ours / Through Him who with us sideth. / Let goods and kindred go, / This mortal life also; / The body they may kill; / God's truth abideth still: / His kingdom is forever.

✠Confession & Pardon

Psalm 130:1-2, 4

Leader: *From the depths of despair, O Lord, I call for help. Hear my Cry, O Lord. Pay attention to my prayer.*

People: You offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear You.

Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation / Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; / She is His new creation / By water and the Word: / From heav'n He came and sought her / To be His holy bride; / With His own blood He bought her, / And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, / Yet one o'er all the earth, / Her charter of salvation / One Lord, one faith, one birth; / One holy name she blesses, / Partakes one holy food, / And to one hope she presses, / With ev'ry grace endured.

Though with a scornful wonder / Men see her sore oppressed, / By schisms rent asunder, / By heresies distressed, / Yet saints their watch are keeping, / Their cry goes up, "How long?" / And soon the night of weeping / Shall be the morn of song.

✠Those who are able, please stand.

The church shall never perish! / Her dear Lord to defend, / To guide, sustain, and cherish, / Is with her to the end; / Though there be those that hate her, / And false sons in her pale, / Against both foe and traitor / She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, / And tumult of her war, / She waits the consummation / Of peace forevermore; / Till with the vision glorious / Her longing eyes are blest, / And the great church victorious / Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union / With the God the Three in One, / And mystic sweet communion / With those whose rest is won: / O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, / Like them, the meek and lowly, / On high may dwell with Thee.

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14

Leader: *What does it mean that Christ was "conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary," and how does that benefit us?*

People: It means the eternal Son of God truly became human, through the Holy Spirit, taking a human nature from the virgin Mary, so He could be David's descendant and be like us in every way except sin. This gives Him the role of our mediator, so in God's sight He covers our sin with His innocence and perfect holiness. (The Apostles' Creed on back of bulletin for reference)

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

✠Hymn of Preparation

A Rock That Stands Forever

A Rock that stands forever / Is Christ, my Righteousness. / In Him I stand, unfearing / In everlasting bliss. / Christ is my boast and glory. / All wrath for me is o'er. / The judgment of the sinner / It frightens me no more.

There is no condemnation. / There is no hell for me. / The torment and the fire, / My eyes shall never see. / For me there is no sentence. / For me death has no sting. / For Christ, my Lord Who saved me, / Will shield me with His wing.

Oh blessed Son, Whose splendor / Dispels the shades of night! / Oh Jesus, my Defender / My soul's supreme delight! / All day I hear, resounding, / A voice with a silver tone. / It speaks of grace abounding, / Through God's eternal Son!

No hunger, Lord, nor thirsting / No danger, fear nor might / No foe, no tribulation, / No throne, no power, nor might / No height, no depth, no creature / That has been, or can be, / Can pull me from Your bosom, / Or tear my soul from Thee!

My heart, with joy is leaping! / Grief cannot linger there. / Oh Jesus, Lord of Glory, / You are my Sunshine fair!

The source of all my singing / Is Jesus, there above. / The Sun that shines upon me / Is Jesus and His love.

✠Scripture Reading

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

They Have No Wine

The Lord's Supper

Offertory & Offering

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below; / Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. / Amen.

✠Hymn of Benediction

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember / No wrongs we have done? / Omniscient, all knowing, / He counts not their sum; / Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

Praise the Lord! / His mercy is more; / Stronger than darkness, new every morn, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

What patience would wait / As we constantly roam? / What Father, so tender, / Is calling us home; / He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

What riches of kindness / He lavished on us? / His blood was the payment, / His life was the cost; / We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford, / Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

✠Benediction

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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The Reformation

Within the province of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Teacher, Lawgiver, and Judge. If doctrine is taught, it is taught because He has revealed; if ordinances are administered, they are administered in His name, because they are His; if government is established and exercised, it is through His appointment and authority; if saving grace is dispensed, it is dispensed through the virtue and power of His Spirit; if blessing is communicated, it is because He blesses.

~James Bannerman, *The Church of Christ* (1868)

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