

Call to Worship

From Psalm 105

Leader: *Glory to His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!*

Invocation

✠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.

✠Prayer of Promise

The Book of Prayer, Matthew Henry

Great are You, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. Your greatness is unsearchable. We can never by our searching uncover Your greatness as our God. We cannot fully understand You, the Almighty One. Who can adequately proclaim Your wondrous works? Who can declare all the praise You deserve? (Psa. 145:3, Job 11:7, Psa. 106:2)

Leader: *All glory be to God for His grace and mercy.*

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness / My beauty are, my glorious dress; / 'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, / With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day; / For who aught to my charge shall lay? / Fully absolved through these I am, / From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise / To claim my mansion in the skies, / E'en then this shall be all my plea, / Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, / Whose boundless mercy hath for me, / For me a full atonement made, / An everlasting ransom paid.

✠Those who are able, please stand.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice; / Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice; / Their beauty this, their glorious dress, / Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

Confession of Faith

Q.115 The Geneva Catechism, John Calvin

Leader: *Are not people justified by their good works when they live an innocent and holy life in an effort to show themselves worthy of God?*

People: If someone could be found who is truly perfect, they might rightly be called just; but since we are all sinners and guilty before God, the merit that could reconcile us to Him, must be sought in some other way.

Pastoral Prayer

✠Hymn of Preparation

Our Trust Is in You

All that we need is here in Your Book; / Glorious truths for all who will look. / A Rock and a Stone; / We're standing on Scripture Alone.

I don't deserve what You gave to me; / Mercy and love; unmerited, free. / A Rock and a Stone; / We're standing on Grace Alone.

In Scripture Alone, by Grace Alone; / These are the words we know are true. / Through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone, / To God's Glory Alone; / Jesus, our trust is in You.

All of our works could not justify, / But if we believe, we never will die. / A Rock and a Stone; / We're standing on Faith Alone.

Only one Man has life giving breath; / God in the flesh, He overcame death. / A Rock and a Stone; / We're standing on Christ Alone. (Chorus)

All of our thanks and all of our praise / Be to our God, the Ancient of Days. / A Rock and a Stone; / We live for God's Glory Alone. (Chorus)

When knowledge shall vanish away, / These are the truths that will stay, / So we say;

In Scripture Alone, by Grace Alone; / These are the words we know are true. / Through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone, / To God's Glory Alone; / Jesus, our trust is in You. / Jesus, our trust is in You. / Jesus, our trust is in You. / Jesus, our trust is in You.

✠Sermon Scripture Reading

The Sermon

The Unpredictability and Brevity of Life

Rev. Bud Griffith

James 4:13-17

✠Hymn of Response

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**

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul; / Worship His holy name. / Sing like never before, Oh my soul; / I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, / It's a new day dawning, / It's time to sing Your song again. / Whatever may pass, / And whatever lies before me, / Let me be singing / When the evening comes.

You're rich in love / And You're slow to anger. / Your name is great / And Your heart is kind. / For all Your goodness, / I will keep on singing; / Ten thousand reasons / For my heart to find.

And on that day, / When my strength is failing, / The end draws near, / And my time has come; / Still, my soul will / Sing Your praise unending / Ten thousand years, / And then forevermore!

✠**Benediction**



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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