



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The only true bond of Church unity is Christ the Lord, Who has reconciled us to God the Father.

— JOHN CALVIN

*Every time you sing in the covenant fellowship of God's people,
Jesus Christ is holding your hymn book, and He's singing, as it were,
with you and over your shoulder and leading you in the worship of God.*

— DR. EDMUND CLOWNEY



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

*So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.
Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.*

Psalm 63:2-3

Please sit only on odd numbered pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are required for all attendees at all times. Those who are not present physically will be invited to stand when able, and to be seated when necessary. Worship is participative and not passive. God has designed us to be physical creatures and sometimes our hearts and minds will follow our posture.

The Call to Worship

Revelation 4:8-11

Mr. Howell

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him Who is seated on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who is seated on the throne and worship Him Who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created."

† The Hymn No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Vocalists: Thomas Govan and Lacey Thomas

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 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! 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.

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

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

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Pastoral Prayer

† A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #9

In Christ Alone

(see page 11)

In 2020, we are counting down our top requested hymns from our "favorite hymn survey."

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).*

We Receive God's Word

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 15:5-7

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Sermon

UNITY IS SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL

Mr. McRoberts

Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace

Psalm 133

Psalms of David, XXIII

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Sermon outline on pages 7-10.

The Closing Prayer

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(stanzas 1, 3-5)

TOULON

I greet Thee, Who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by Thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in Thee
and ever stay in Thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

✠ The Sending

Our Great Peacemaker is dependably steady; a personal God working in you what is well-pleasing in His sight. Therefore, go from this place into the world, and get along with others; reach out and welcome one another to the glory of God. Jesus did it for you, now you go and do likewise. And you will so honor Jesus with one voice like a choir singing in harmony a stunning anthem to the glory of God, and you will draw others to Him.

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Minister: May He bless you and give you His peace.

People: AMEN.

✠ The Dismissal by Pew

Please allow worshippers in the back of the Sanctuary to exit first to allow for social distancing. Please do not gather or socialize inside the building. Please take all personal items, including your worship bulletin, with you as you leave.

✠ The Postlude

Toccata on "Toulon"
(I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art)

Gerhard Krapf

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Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace

Psalm 133

Psalms of David, XXIII

INTRODUCTION

I. UNITY IS GOOD AND PLEASING ~ 133:1

A. Self-Awareness Check/Exercise RE: Unity

1. In what ways do we promote unity?

a. Prayer for others. _____

b. Encouragement. _____

c. Protect unity. _____

d. Discourage disunity. _____

e. Reconciliation. _____

f. Restoration. _____

g. Seek counsel. _____

h. Hospitality _____

i. Confession. _____

j. Appreciate times of unity. _____

2. In what ways do we suppress unity?

a. Gossip. _____

b. Lying. _____

c. Shifty. _____

d. Persnickety. _____

e. Adultery. _____

f. Slander. _____

g. Envy/Jealousy. _____

h. Being untrustworthy. _____

i. Anger. _____

j. Holding a grudge. _____

B. Reasons to Be a Unity Seeker

1. He reconciled with you ~ Romans 5:8; II Corinthians 5:18-20

2. *He re-created you for unity ~ Romans 15:5-7*

3. *Jesus' desire for His Bride ~ John 17:11*

4. *The example of the early church ~ Acts 2:42-45*

5. *Seek what is good and pleasing ~ Psalm 133:1*

II. UNITY IS A LAVISH GIFT FROM GOD ~ 133:2-3A

A. The Lavishness of the Blessing

B. The Path of the Blessing

C. The Scope of the Blessing

III. UNITY IS AN ABSOLUTE COMMAND OF GOD ~ 133:3B

A. Christ Will Build His Church ~ Matthew 16:18

B. God the Father Will Answer the Pleas of God the Son ~ John 17:20-23

C. The Lord Will Answer the Call: *Life Forevermore!* ~ Psalm 133:3b

CONCLUSION

For Further Study and Encouragement: II Samuel 5:1; I Chronicles 12:38-40; Ezekiel 11:19; Acts 4:32; Romans 5:8; II Corinthians 5:18-19; Ephesians 1:22, 2:15-16, 4:3, 15; Colossians 1:18-22, 2:19



*The “Come!” of Christ separates us from the world to His name;
the “Go!” of Christ sends us to the world in His name.*

– Edmund Clowney, *Called to Ministry*

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous -
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious
 pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



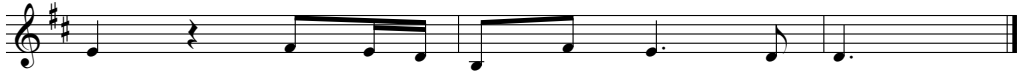
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 day up from the grave he rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are
 save. 'Till on the cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 gain. And as he stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has
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stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand. 'Till he re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



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