



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 9, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light, run our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Your honor and glory. Amen.

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, (344 - 430 AD)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Fantasia in A Major, HWV 406

Georg Friedrich Handel

Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

Psalm 57:8

The Announcements

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Chiming of the Hour

The Choral Introit

I Was Glad

Mark Wilson

I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord! (*From Psalm 122*)

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 9:1-2, 11 (*congregation reads bold type*)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all Your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples His deeds!

•† The Hymn No. 6

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

† The Prayer of 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.

•† The Gloria Patri – No. 648 in *The Hymnal*

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SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Prayer of Confession – from *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Whitehurst

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7*

The Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(Psalm 23, paraphrased Isaac Watts)

American Folk Hymn
arr. Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 2:13-17

pew Bible, page 1065

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.*

The Sermon

HOW GREAT THOU ART
VI. Bad Company

Rev. Cooper

COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

† The Nicene Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

Praeludium in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

*I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me.
Psalm 57:2*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

VI. Bad Company

Mark 2:13-17

I. Bad Company

A. Tax Man (v. 14)

B. Party Crowd (v. 15)

II. Good People (v. 16)

III. Doctor, Doctor (v. 17)

Leading In Worship This Morning

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Dr. Robert Scott, *flute*

Mrs. Christie McLaughlin, *oboe*

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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