

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO ACTS

May 6, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *This Is My Father's World*

Arr. by Stephen Nielson

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 57 (ESV)

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

Leader: I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

People: **Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.**

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

People: **I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

ALL: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #395 (stanzas 1-3, 5) *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*
(sung to the tune Dukestreet)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jeff Cunningham

*WORSHIP IN SONG

In Christ Alone
You Are So Good To Me

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Eskew

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Questions of Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

*GREETING OF PEACE

Luke 2:14 (ESV)

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

**For those who are able, please stand.*

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshipping with you. Thank you!
The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

*No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Money.*

Luke 16:13 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

One Bread, One Body

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

5th Grade Sunday School Class

SCRIPTURE READING (page 909 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 1:1-5

SERMON

"From The First Book To The Second"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #439 (stanzas 1 & 4) *Christ Shall Have Dominion*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin. I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving a change of garments, for You always justify the ungodly. Father, forgive me, for You are always bringing forth the best robe. In Christ's Name, Amen!

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 5:8-9 (ESV)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us.
The celebration of the Lord's Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22:15-20 (ESV)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

[there is a gluten-free option on the bread tray]

Please feel free to eat the bread when you are served to signify that Christ's death was for you as an individual.

Please hold the cup until all have been served so that we may partake together signifying that the Christ's death was for the Body of Christ called from before the foundation of the world.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #692 (stanzas 1 & 3) *To You, O Lord, I Fly*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Arr. by Stephen Nielson