



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

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.

Opening Prayer

Greeting and Call To Worship

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!

People: *Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.*

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

People: *For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you!*

—from Revelation 15.3-4

Opening Hymn | All Creatures of our God and King

Words by St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; Music from Jesuit hymnal, 1623

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia alleluia!*

*O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him, alleluia!
O rising morn in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; Sing praises, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

All Singing: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: *The Name of the Lord be praised!*

Hymn of Worship | O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; Music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.
Please forgive and help us.*

*Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.
Please forgive and help us.*

*Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: "In a surge of anger
I hid my face from you for a moment,
but with everlasting kindness
I will have compassion on you,"
says the Lord your Redeemer.
"I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more."
"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me,
for I have redeemed you."

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—Isaiah 54.8;43.25;44.22

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

New Testament Reading | Philippians 3.4b-14

[4] ... If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. [7] But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8] Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—[10] that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11] that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12] Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn of Worship | | How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Words and music by John Newton (1774)

*How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.*

*Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace!*

*Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.*

*Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.*

*Till then I would thy love proclaim, with ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy Name, refresh my soul in death.*

Psalm | Psalm | Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,

People: *And the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Leader: Day to day pours out speech,

People: *And night to night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,

People: *Whose voice is not heard.*

Leader: Their voice goes out through all the earth,

People: *And their words to the end of the world.*

Leader: In them he has set a tent for the sun,

People: *Which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,*

Leader: And, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

People: *Its rising is from the end of the heavens,*

Leader: And its circuit to the end of them,

People: *And there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect,

People: *Reviving the soul;*

Leader: The testimony of the LORD is sure,

People: *Making wise the simple;*

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right,

People: *Rejoicing the heart;*

Leader: The commandment of the LORD is pure,

People: *Enlightening the eyes;*

Leader: The fear of the LORD is clean,

People: *Enduring forever;*

Leader: The rules of the LORD are true,

People: *And righteous altogether.*

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold,
People: *Even much fine gold;*
Leader: Sweeter also than honey
People: *And drippings of the honeycomb.*
Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
People: *In keeping them there is great reward.*
Leader: Who can discern his errors?
People: *Declare me innocent from hidden faults.*
Leader: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
People: *Let them not have dominion over me!*
Leader: Then I shall be blameless,
People: *And innocent of great transgression.*
Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
People: *O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Ministry of the Word | Jesus, The Pioneer of Salvation

Rev. John Bryant Wilbanks

Sermon Text | Hebrews 2.5-18

[5] For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. [6] It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

[7] You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

[8] putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. [9] But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

[10] For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. [11] For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, [12] saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

[13] And again,
“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,
"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

[14] Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. [16] For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. [17] Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. [18] For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith

*I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ his Son.
I trust him so much that I do not doubt
he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends me
in this sad world.
He is able to do this because he is almighty God;
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.*

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A26

Prayers of the People, Concluded with the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.*

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 and ever. Amen.

The Holy Communion

(For those watching at home, I encourage you to take this time to watch and pray with us. Remember this all along: Jesus is not more present with us who are gathered than he is with you at home! The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of his blessing to us, and a great gift, but it does not mean you are missing out on his presence or his blessing. We all participate by faith in Christ whether physically receiving the Supper or not.)

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God!

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

Leader: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Feast

Communion Hymn | Come to the Waters

Words by James Montgomery Boice; music by Paul S. Jones, 2008

*Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.*

*Come to the River that flows through the city,
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son.
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply."
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.*

*Come to the Fountain without any money;
Buy what is given without any cost.
Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary;
Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.*

*Come to the Well of unmerited favor;
Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.*

*Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.
God has provided an end to sin's strife.
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?
Take the free gift of the water of life.*

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words by Elizabeth Clephane, 1872; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears, two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: The God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever!

People: *Amen!*

— from Hebrews 13.20-12

Announcements

Alpha:

Alpha begins with prayer. Please [join us in praying](#) for God to bless our fall Alpha class. Pray for God to bring guests and to bless our fellowship, learning, and discussion. Alpha meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the Travis's home... make sure to let Ben know if you plan to be there!

A Beautiful Orthodoxy:

We are resuming this popular Sunday morning class from last spring! All are invited to join us at 9:15. This class focuses on the basics of our beliefs, seeking to understand *and apply* what our confession of faith teaches about God and his gracious work in this world. You could think of this 12 week class as a Greatest Hits of Reformed Theology. We completed 4 weeks in the spring, so we have 8 weeks remaining.

Small Group Meetings:

Small groups are an important part of our ministry at Redeemer. They offer opportunities to deepen relationships and to love, serve, and pray for one another and our city. If you are interested in joining a group, please email Ben Wheeler: ben@redeemert Tyler.com.

Monthly Youth Meeting:

All junior high and high school students are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a time of fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's book study is reading *Renovation of the Heart* (Dallas Willard) and discussing it each Friday morning. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: global and local missions

- Monday
Richey and Keli Goodrich (Sydney, Australia): for Richey's preaching and teaching; for the Spirit to draw to Christ many of the unreached Malay people living in and outside of Australia.
- Tuesday
Robert and Debbie Hale: translation work in French-speaking Africa.
- Wednesday
Nate Hill, John Tyler High School Young Life; Mentoring Alliance (includes The Gospel Village, Rose City Summer Camps, and The Boys and Girls Club).
- Thursday
Rev. Robbie Mills, Pastor of New City Fellowship, a church working among immigrants in East Dallas. Rev. Jahaziel Cantu, Pastor of El Buen Pastor, a Hispanic church plant in Richardson. Rev. Caleb Dunn with Cristo Rey PCA, a Hispanic church in Dallas.
- Friday
Promise Academy's financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission and their work to build a residential facility here in Tyler; PATH, Crisis Pregnancy Center, other ministries in town.
- Saturday
Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

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