

## At Church of the King on March 5th, 2023

The 9th Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

## Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

"Give to Jehovah the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him.

Oh, worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness!" I Chronicles 16:29

## <u>Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word:</u> [congregation standing]

Sing, O heavens, for Jehovah has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel. Thus says Jehovah, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: "I am Jehovah, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; Isaiah 44:23-24

Come, Worship Jehovah in Spirit and in Truth

## **God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration:** (based on Psalm 145:10)

O worship the King all glorious above, O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,

O gratefully sing his power and His love. Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

Our shield and defender, the ancient of days, His chariot of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

## **Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Psalm 29:4,11]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

The voice of Jehovah is strong

The voice of Jehovah is majestic!

Jehovah sits enthroned as king forever,

[men] **Jehovah gives strength to his people!**[women] **Jehovah blesses His people with peace!** 

## Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

## The Call For Confession From God's Word:

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:8-10

God's People sing our Hymn of Confession: [congregation standing]

Jesus, Lover of My Soul



**Silent Confession:** "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15
Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

## **Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God our Savior, who has performed the mercy promised to our fathers, and remembered your holy covenant made in ages past, we ask you to forgive our sins and deliver us from our enemies. Through your tender mercies, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us, even we who have sat in darkness and the shadow of death, give us your light to guide our feet into the way of peace. Grant that we might serve Christ our Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives. For we pray in the name of our only Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

### Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And Jehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken." Isaiah 53:4-8

As an officer in Christ's Church, ministering in His name, I now proclaim to us the forgiveness of sins, and declare, according to the Scriptures, that having truly trusted in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, that our sins are not only forgiven on earth, but also in heaven throughout eternity.

I must also solemnly say to any who are not sincerely sorry for their sins, and who have no desire to live in regard of Jesus Christ, that their sins are held against them in the Holy Judgment of God, and cannot be forgiven them unless they repent and seek forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ. This I declare in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen! **Come, Let us worship the Lord!** 

## **Come Bless the Father:**



Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

## **God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:**

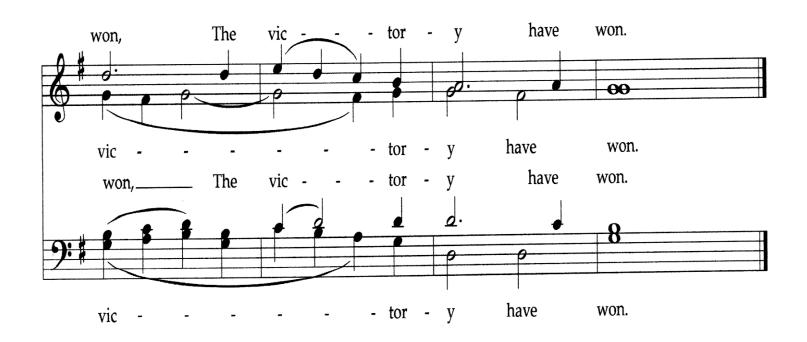
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(Congregation standing)

"Stand up and bless Jehovah your God Forever and ever!" "Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" Nehemiah 9:5b

## O Sing a New Song to the LORD





- 2. ₂The great salvation wrought by Him Jehovah has made known.
   His justice in the nations' sight He openly has shown.
- 3. <sup>3</sup>He mindful of His grace and truth To Isr'el's house has been. The great salvation of our God All ends of earth have seen.
- 4. 4O all the earth, sing to the LORD And make a joyful sound.

  Lift up your voice aloud to him;

  Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

- 5. With harp make music to the LORD;
   With harp a psalm O sing!
   With horn and trumpet raise a shout
   Before the LORD, the King.
- 6. The world, its living horde.

  Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
  Their joy before the LORD!
- Because He comes, He surely comes,
   The judge of earth to be!
   With justice He will judge the world,
   All men with equity.

## Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"You are My witnesses," says Jehovah, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am Jehovah, And besides Me there is no savior. Isaiah 43:10-11

### THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD: Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 2 pages

### The Creation of the Heavens and the Earth

[1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

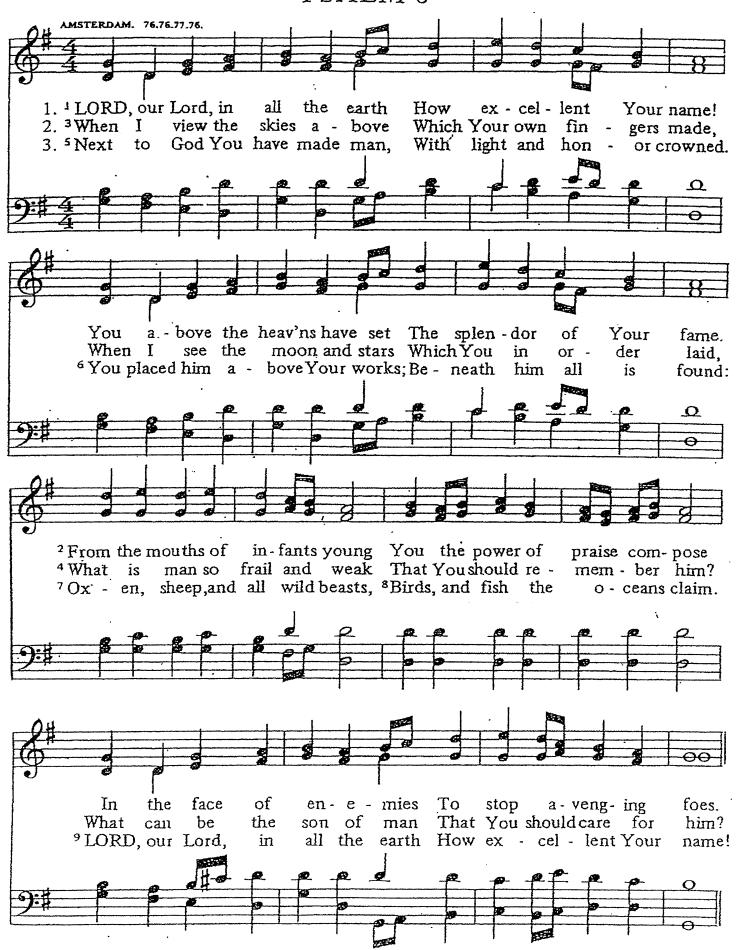
[2:1] Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

## God's People Respond With The Singing Of: Psalm 8

[congregation standing]

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1,2

### PSALM 8



## **God Speaks to Us Through His Word:** Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

## "God Meets With His People"

From **Pastor Paul Liberati** 

Based on **Psalm 42:1-5** 

## **God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:**

[congregation standing]

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High" Psalm 92:1



**The Heidelberg Catechism** – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord's Day 10

27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

The almighty, everywhere-present power of God,[1] whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures,[2] and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink,[3] health and sickness,[4] riches and poverty,[5] indeed, all things come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.
[1] Acts 17:25–26. [2] Heb. 1:3. [3] Jer. 5:24; \*Acts 14:17. [4] Jn. 9:3. [5] Prov. 22:2; \*Ps. 103:19; Rom. 5:3–5a.

28. What does it profit us to know that God created, and by His providence upholds, all things?

That we may be patient in adversity,[1] thankful in prosperity,[2] and for what is future have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that no creature shall separate us from His love,[3] since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.[4] [1] Rom. 5:3; Jas. 1:3; Job 1:21. [2] Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18.

[3] Rom. 8:35, 38–39. [4] Job 1:12; Acts 17:25–28; Prov. 21:1; \*Ps. 71:7; \*2 Cor. 1:10.

## God Receives our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says Jehovah of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. *Malachi 3:8-10* 

## **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:**

## With the Singing of Psalm 24:3-6 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

1: Who may stand in God's Holy place?
Who may ascend before His face?
He has a pure heart and clean hands.
He worships God, keeps His commands.

2: He shall have blessing from the Lord. Righteousness is his sure reward. Jacob you are who seek God's place. True sons are you who seek God's face.

3: 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.

## The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

"Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9

## Communion: Where God Communes With His People

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

## **Preparation for Communion:**

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ,

the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.



### THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

## A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

## **God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:**

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is Psalm 23

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Feasting at the Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a new week. Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

<sup>&</sup>quot;For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." I Corinthians 11:26

## Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"All Your works shall praise You, O Jehovah, and Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the Glory of Your Kingdom, and talk of Your Power, to make known to the sons of men His Mighty Acts, And the Glorious Majesty of His Kingdom. Your Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom, And Your Dominion endures throughout all generations." Psalm 145:10-13

## **God's People Prepare To Be Sent Forth:**

## Lead On, O King Eternal



Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

"Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee: Jehovah make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: Jehovah lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."

Numbers 6:24-26 & 2 Cor 13:14

## God's People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

## Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri



~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply: Pastor Paul Liberati~

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Marianne Poindexter, Alma Ryan, and Marie Choban, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong; for Baby Theodore Poindexter, who will need heart surgery soon after he is born, that the procedure would restore him to health & he would quickly recover & be able to be home with his family; & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For Sean VanNess, that he would be given wisdom & energy as he
  pursues a different career path; for Igor Avanto, that his neck pain would
  be resolved & wisdom given to his doctors; for Nathaniel Pettyjohn, his
  family, & friends, as they mourn the death of his aunt, Sharon Storms,
  that our Lord would grant comfort & peace in the midst of their grieving.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governor Newsom, & all
  elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to
  depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is
  right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity,
  honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their
  accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, & that His Name would be glorified as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

# Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord, Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food, For life and health and every good. By Thine own hand may we be fed, Give us this day our daily bread.

## Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

#### Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading <u>A New Day of</u> <u>Small Beginnings</u> by Pierre Courthial. Contact Pastor Stoos.

### Sacramento Area Bible Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays at Richard Otterstad's. Contact Patrick Avanto.

#### Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; viewing <u>The Holiness of God</u> video series by R.C. Sproul. Contact John Pekarek.

#### Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading <u>Give Them Grace: Dazzling</u> <u>Your Kids With the Love of Jesus</u> by Elyse Fitzpatrick. Contact Linda Stoos.

### Vallejo Area Study:

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

#### **Birthdays**

Katherine Vogt ~ March 4th Michael Liberati ~ March 5th Nathan Sifford ~ March 7th Leah Vogt ~ March 11th

#### Hall Takedown Today

John Sifford, John Pekarek, James Ryan, Jonathan Liberati, Birken Vogt & Sons

> <u>Next Week's Playground Duty</u> Ryan