

Ordinary Time September 3, 2023



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 26

Leader—

Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.

Congregation—

I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Leader—

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Congregation—

But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

As the Deer

You're my friend and You are my brother Even though You are a King I love You more than any other So much more than anything

Chorus—

You alone are my strength my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy You alone are the real joygiver

And the apple of my eye

Personal Confession (in silence)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 8:28-35 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Song of the Gospel

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Chorus—

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and

whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag—

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending—

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

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Children ages 4 to 6 are dismissed to Children's Church

We love for the corporate worship gathering to be a family-friendly time, however, please feel free to either use overflow space in the office suite or check your children into the nursery/children's church if they are finding it difficult to sit through the service. Children's interactive bulletins are also

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15-21

(Page 643 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—

This is the word of the Lord

Congregation—

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

(Page 822 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—

This is the word of the Lord

Congregation—

Thanks be to God

Pastoral Prayer and 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 have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon Passage

Judges 13 Page 213 in the Pew Bible

Sermon

"Manoah's Meal"

Song of Response

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus—
You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

The Lord's Supper

Please come forward, when you like, to share from the common bread, which signifies our oneness in Christ. It is also gluten free to enable as many to partake as feasible. Then take from the individual servings of wine or juice, which signifies our individual discipleship with Jesus. You may leave your cup at the table or take it back to your seat and drink it there.

Song of Communion

Living Waters

Are you thirsty Spirit moving
Are you empty Mercy washing

Come and drink these living waters

Healing in these living waters

Tired and broken Lead your children Peace unspoken To the shoreline

Rest beside these living waters

Life is in these living waters

Christ is calling Bridge—

Find refreshing Ooh Ooh Ooh At the cross of living waters Ooh Ooh Ooh

Lay your life down

All the old gone Are you thirsty
Rise up in these living waters Are you empty

Come and drink these living waters

Chorus— Love forgiveness
There's a river that flows Vast and boundless

With mercy and love Christ He is our living waters

Bringing joy to the city of our God

There our hope is secure Ending—

Do not fear anymore There our hope is secure

Praise the Lord of living waters Do not fear anymore

Praise the Lord of living waters

Benediction

Commissioning

Pastor—

Let us go into the world as children of God and servants of Christ to love and serve others.

Congregation— Thanks be to God!

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye, heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Notes:

Prayers

Greenville

We pray this week for The Piedmont Woman's Center. We ask that you will help them as they help others. Encourage them as they spend their days encouraging and caring for the women in our area. Thank you so much for all that they do.

United States

God, we cry out to you on behalf of all **orphans**. Enable our communities across the nation to care for the innocent lives who have had to experience tragedy at such an early age. Let us love them as you loved us in our orphaned state.

World

We pray this week for **Eric and His Family** as they serve in the Middle East. Please bless their ministry and keep them safe. Please help them when they become burnt out or tired to have newfound energy to serve you.

Announcements
Youth Pool Party | 1pm-3pm Today
Fellowship Meal | Right after service
Church Retreat | Oct. 21
Youth Night | August 27
English Club | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p
Fourth Sunday Service | Resuming on August 27
Freedom That Lasts | beginning in September contact Ben Marshall
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We are united by our Core Values

Community | Discipleship Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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