Order of Service February 20, 2022

Candle-Lighting

Welcome & announcements

- * Land Acknowledgement
- * Celebrations & Concerns
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries

Invitation & dedication of the offering

Call to worship: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(gradually getting quieter)

Equal with God:
Emptied himself:
Came as a slave:
Found as a man:
Humbly obeyed:
Went to his death:
Death on a cross:

Jesus is Lord

(getting louder)

God raised him up:
Gave him the name:
Higher than all:
Every knee bow:
All tongues confess:
Jesus is Lord

Family of God, from whom does our help come?

Our Help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth

Hymn: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine VU 337

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

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Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blessed; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

Prayer and confession

God of Power and Possibility...(Minister continues with Prayer)

Lord Jesus Christ,
we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week,
but we confess we're not exactly clear
on what that means.
Will you come to set things straight in the world?
Will you come to judge us
and show us where we've all gone wrong?

Will you bring all things to an end, or will you offer us a new beginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your purposes for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth.Amen.

Assurance of pardon

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ministry of Music

Children's Hymn: Who's the King of the Jungle

A Time for All God's Children

Scripture: Colossians 1: 15-20 (The Message)

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

May God bless to our understanding this reading of Holy Scripture

Amen

Gospel Hymn: In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied - For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

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No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Sermon: In Christ Alone

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction & The Grace (Together)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

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Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

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Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.