

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP OF GOD

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: “*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!*” Psalm 24:7-10

PRAYER

SONGS: “Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the risen king who delight to bring him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Chorus: Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace. (*Chorus*)

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!” (*Chorus*)

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“Only a Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Chorus: Come and behold Him, the one and the only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. (*Chorus*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God! (*Chorus*)

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HYMN #681: “How Gentle God’s Commands”

How gentle God's commands, how kind his precepts are!
Come, cast your burdens on the Lord, and trust his constant care.

While Providence supports, let saints securely dwell;
That hand, which bears all nature up, shall guide his children well.

Why should this anxious load press down your weary mind?
Haste to your heav'nly Father's throne, and sweet communion find.

His goodness stands approved, down to the present day;
I'll drop my burden at his feet, and bear a song away.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Questions 22-23**22. Q. What, then, must a Christian believe?**

A. All that is promised us in the Gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

23. Q. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; On the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe a holy catholic Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:1-22**PRAYER****TITHES AND OFFERINGS****MESSAGE: “Unity Among God’s People” – Joshua 22:1–34****HYMN #644: “May the Mind of Christ Our Savior”**

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

BENEDICTION

“Unity Among God’s People” – Joshua 22:1–34
Rev. Daniel Levi (1836)

22:1 At that time Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ² and said to them, “You have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you. ³ You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the Lord your God. ⁴ And now the Lord your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them. Therefore turn and go to your tents in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan. ⁵ Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.” ⁶ So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents. ⁷ Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their brothers in the land west of the Jordan. And when Joshua sent them away to their homes and blessed them, ⁸ he said to them, “Go back to your tents with much wealth and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.” ⁹ So the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home, parting from the people of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, their own land of which they had possessed themselves by command of the Lord through Moses. ¹⁰ And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size. ¹¹ And the people of Israel heard it said, “Behold, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel.” ¹² And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them. ¹³ Then the people of Israel sent to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, ¹⁴ and with him ten chiefs, one from each of the tribal families of Israel, every one of them the head of a family among the clans of Israel. ¹⁵ And they came to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they said to them, ¹⁶ “Thus says the whole congregation of the Lord, ‘What is this breach of faith that you have committed against the God of Israel in turning away this day from following the Lord by building yourselves an altar this day in rebellion against the Lord? ¹⁷ Have we not had enough of the sin at Peor from which even yet we have not cleansed ourselves, and for which there came a plague upon the congregation of the Lord, ¹⁸ that you too must turn away this day from following the Lord? And if you too rebel against the Lord today then tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. ¹⁹ But now, if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over into the Lord’s land where the Lord’s tabernacle stands, and take for yourselves a possession among us. Only do not rebel against the Lord or make us as rebels by building for yourselves an altar other than the altar of the Lord our God. ²⁰ Did not Achan the son of Zerah break faith in the matter of the devoted things, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish alone for his iniquity.’” ²¹ Then the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel, ²² “The Mighty One, God, the Lord! The Mighty One, God, the Lord! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against the Lord, do not spare us today ²³ for building an altar to turn away from following the Lord. Or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings or peace offerings on it, may the Lord himself take vengeance. ²⁴ No, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, ‘What have you to do with the Lord, the God of Israel?’ ²⁵ For the Lord has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you, you people of Reuben and people of Gad. You have no portion in the Lord.’ So your children might make our children cease to worship the Lord. ²⁶ Therefore we said, ‘Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, ²⁷ but to be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we do perform the service of the Lord in his presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings, so your children will not say to our children in time to come, “You have no portion in the Lord.”’” ²⁸ And we thought, ‘If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we should say, “Behold, the copy of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifice, but to be a witness between us and you.”’” ²⁹ Far be it from us that we should rebel against the Lord and turn away this day from following the Lord by building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the Lord our God that stands before his tabernacle!” ³⁰ When Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation, the heads of the families of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh spoke, it was good in their eyes. ³¹ And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh, “Today we know that the Lord is in our midst, because you have not committed this breach of faith against the Lord. Now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the Lord.” ³² Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs, returned from the people of Reuben and the people of Gad in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them. ³³ And the report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and the people of Gad were settled. ³⁴ The people of Reuben and the people of Gad called the altar Witness, “For,” they said, “it is a witness between us that the Lord is God.”

Announcements

May 19 – May 25, 2024

Addington Place Service

This afternoon at 2:30 pm, we will go to Addington Place of Titusville to lead the residents in a worship service. If you would like to participate in this service, please talk to Daniel or one of the elders, so we can plan accordingly.

Story Group

A new story group will begin meeting Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, starting on June 18. Please see Betsy Page or Jordan Carr to get more details and to register to attend. Postcards about the group are in the foyer.

35th Annual Church Picnic

Immediately after the worship service today, we will celebrate CCC's 35th anniversary with food, family, and games. All are welcome to attend!

Summer Bible Club

Join us this summer June 3-7 from 9:00 am–12 noon as we train to run the race of faith at Olympion, our Olympics themed summer Bible club. At Olympion, you will meet Joshua, a great Bible champion, and be challenged to put your trust in Jesus Christ, the ultimate victor. You can register on the church website to join us in the arena as a coach or an athlete. Olympion runners, take your mark! Get set! GO!!!

Please note: Classes are full for 2 – 5-year-olds.

Still have openings 1st – 6th grades.

Nursery Volunteer Reminders:

5/19/2024 Debbie Cox & Leah Garrett

5/26/2024 Juana Cascante & Donna Baylor

Children's Church Volunteer Reminders:

5/19/2024 Mary Carr-Devries and Carolann Morgan

5/26/2024 Amy Scheick and JT McGill

Please join us for this week's activities!

SUNDAY

10:00 am: Worship Service—Church Building

(Nursery – for infants and toddlers up to age 3, east side of the building.)

2:30 pm: Addington Place

TUESDAY

1:00 pm: Women’s Bible Study—Church Building

1:00 pm: Old Horses Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm: Prayer Meeting—Church Building

THURSDAY

6:30 pm: College and Career Group—Home of Steve Page

FRIDAY

6:30 am: Men’s Bible Study—Church Building