

Ordinary Time October 29, 2023, 10:30a



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Leader— Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Congregation— He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Leader— The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

#### Congregation—

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Opening Prayer** 

Psalm 1

## Song of Praise, Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy my righteousness and freedom My steadfast love My deep and boundless peace To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won And I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him //When the race is complete Still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me//

### Personal Confession of Sin (in silence)

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking delight in you. Amen.

## Assurance of the Gospel

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## Song of the Gospel, Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word Take Your truth plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ Might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds Help us grasp the heights Of Your plans for us Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak O Lord till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

#### **Scripture Lessons**

<u>Old Testament</u> Exodus 22:21-27 (Page 63 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—This is the word of the Lord Congregation—Thanks be to God <u>Gospel</u> Matthew 22:34-46 (Page 828 in the Pew Bible)

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#### Romans 8.12-17

#### 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 21 Page 221 in the Pew Bible

#### Sermon

"Wicked Counsel. Everyone Did What Was Right in His Own Eyes." Pastor Matt Wireman

#### Song of Response, Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin Nothing but the blood of Jesus What can make me whole again Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see Nothing but the blood of Jesus For my cleansing this my plea Nothing but the blood of Jesus

#### Chorus—

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus Nothing can for sin atone Nothing but the blood of Jesus Naught of good that I have done Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace Nothing but the blood of Jesus This is all my righteousness Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### 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 Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom Such boundless grace The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

### **Benediction**

#### Chorus—

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning That sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT) Jesus Yours is the victory

# 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 Saudi Arabia. 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.

## <u>Announcements</u>

English Club | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p Pizza with the Pastors | Today, 5-7p Youth Nite | Sunday, November 26, 5-7p Fourth Sunday Service | Sunday, November 26, 5-7p Freedom That Lasts | Starting soon. For more info, contact Ben Marshall (BMarshall@FreedomThatLasts.com)

**Note**: Children are a blessing from the Lord but may have trouble sitting through an entire service. Parents who would like to tend to their children may utilize the Augustine Library in the lower level.



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Community | Discipleship Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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