

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

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*“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God,
and you shall be My people.”*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

GATHERING

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Lasst uns erfreuen

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 25

Christian, exalt the LORD our God.
Praise His name; for He has done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD 1 John 4

Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,
for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**By this we shall know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses
that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,
and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.**

Every spirit that does not confess the Christ is the spirit of the antichrist,
which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

**Whoever knows God listens to His Word;
whoever is not from God does not listen to His Word.**

INVOCATION

“Come Magnify the Lord with Me (Psalm 34)”

Coram Deo Church, 2016
Isaac Watts, 1719



1.Lord I will bless You all my days, Your praise will
2.To Him the wand'r - ers lift their eyes, their fac - es
3.God's ang - els help the one that faints, and guard the

3



dwell u - pon my tongue. My soul will glo - ry in Your grace,
 feel a heav'-nly shine. A beam of mer - cy from the skies,
 ones that serve the Lord. O - bey and love Him, all ye saints,

6



— Let all re - joice to hear my song. Come mag - ni -
— Will bless with light and joy di - vine.
— Taste of His grace, and trust His Word.

9



fy the Lord with me! Come let us all ex - alt His name!

12



— I sought the e - tern - al God and He has freed my

15



long - ing heart from blame! (2.To Him the)
(3.God's ang - els)

"The Love of God"

Frederick M. Lehman, 1917



1.The love of God is great-er far than tongue or pen can ev - er
 2.When mort-al time shall pass a - way, and earth - ly thrones and king-doms
 3.Could we with ink the oc-ean fill, and were the skies of parch-ment

5



tell. It goes be - yond the high-est star, and reach-es to the low - est
 fall, when men who hear re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mount-ains
 made, were ev' - ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev' - ry man a scribe by

9



hell. The guilt - y pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son — to
 call; God's love so pure shall still en - dure, all meas-ure - less — and
 trade; To write the love of God a - bove would drain the o - — cean

13



win. His err - ing child, He re-con - ciled, and pard - oned from — His —
 strong. Re-deem-ing grace to Ad-am's race, the saints and an - — gel's —
 dry. Nor could the scroll con-tain the whole, tho' stretch-ed from sky — to —

17

Refrain



sin. (*Sing v.2 before Refrain*) O love of God, how rich and pure! How meas-ure - less — and
 song.
 sky.

22



strong! It shall for - e - ver-more en - dure: the saints' and an - gel's — song!

O LORD, You alone rescued us from bondage

**And still we do evil in your sight.
You have given us your word through
the Apostles and the Prophets, and we ignore it,
instead finding hope in the errant wisdom of the world.
We return to our old and broken chains every day.
We long for the comfort, and power, and strength
that came from our fallen state.
Lord, we demand a sign,
and do not accept it when you give it to us.
Destroy our altars to strange gods.
Reform our hearts!
And bring us back into right relationship with you.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Hear the good news of the Gospel. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Christian, trust in Him today, as truly your sins are forgiven.

**The Lord did not send His son into the world
to condemn the world but in order to save it.
Whoever believes in Him shall not be condemned
but instead have eternal life with Him.
Hallelujah! Amen!**

A reading from Hebrews: The faithful are made strong out of weakness.

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
Judges 6

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**
John 3

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**
Hebrews 11.1-3, 32-34

**JOINING &
RECEIVING OF
NEW MEMBERS**

Katie Chakmakjian; April Dabrowski; Debora and Fabio Silva; Aly and Jeremy Sutphen; and Erica and Carson Winkel.

Along with the new member class, Ludwig and Ian Pretorius; Sybil Opgenorth; and John Luter, who have recently been received to the Communion Table, will answer the membership vows of their own accord.

Hebrews 10.23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for Jesus our Great High Priest is faithful.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see His Day drawing near.

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

We have many friends whom we love and enjoy in the Lord,

but you to us are more. Today, we have become family. Until providence should separate us, or the Lord returns, we are joined to one another in the covenant of grace, sharing together in the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that redemption may be seen in us together and glory be given to our God. Welcome, brother. Welcome, sisters. Our lives and names are joined together.

**PRONOUNCEMENT
OF UNION**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA
text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.
All children are retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

LITANY OF
THANKSGIVING

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

For the assurance of pardon from our sins through faith in Christ,
we thank You, Lord.

For the confidence to draw near to Your throne of grace
as daughters and sons,
we thank You, Lord.

For the beauty of the earth and the glories of the skies,
and for Your abundant provision in all things,
we thank You, Lord.

For allowing our church to be part of raising up and sending out servant
leaders,
we thank You, Lord.

For the peace we have in Christ, peace with God and with one another,
we thank You, Lord!

SHARING OF THE
PEACE OF CHRIST

So, Church, may the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

TITHES &
OFFERINGS

*The musicians will play for a moment before singing
so that you can bring your tithes and offerings
and share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

DOXOLOGY

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

³⁶ Then Gideon said to God, *“If you will save Israel by my hand, as You have said, ³⁷ behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.”* ³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. ³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, *“Let not Your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew.”* ⁴⁰ And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

⁷ Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was north of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

² The LORD said to Gideon, *“The people with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over Me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’* ³ Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, *‘Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’* Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.

⁴ And the LORD said to Gideon, *“The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.”* ⁵ So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, *“Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink.”* ⁶ And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. ⁷ And the LORD said to Gideon, *“With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.”* ⁸ So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

⁹ That same night the LORD said to him, *“Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand.”* ¹⁰ But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. ¹¹ And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp.” Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the

armed men who were in the camp. ¹² And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East lay along the valley like locusts in abundance, and their camels were without number, as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance. ¹³ When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, *“Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat.”* ¹⁴ And his comrade answered, *“This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp.”*

¹⁵ As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, *“Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.”* ¹⁶ And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. ¹⁷ And he said to them, *“Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do.”* ¹⁸ *When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”*

“By Faith: Gideon”
Judges 6.36 - 7.18

What we do in our weakness

What God does in our weakness

What Christ did with weakness

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell*, the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**He descended into judgment and continued in the state of the dead until the third day.*

We draw near, O Lord, with true faith,
and through Your mercy
partake of the body and blood of our Life-giver, Jesus Christ.

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
we give You thanks.**

For Christ our Savior is our peace and our propitiation,
and in His name we proclaim our shared faith:

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

Come to the Table...

THE TABLE

- *Ushers will release you by rows after the music team has partaken*
- *Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center*
- *Gluten-free bread is available at each table*

OFFERINGS

- *Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room.*
- *Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give*

PRAYER FOR FAITH

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to reflect on the prayer at the bottom of page 15, and we invite you to talk with our pastor if you would like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.

THE APOSTLES'
CREED

WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE

*Adapted from
Ante-Nicene Liturgy*

DIRECTIONS

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hamburg
text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709



1. When I sur - vey the__ won - drous cross on which the Prince of__
2. For - bid it, Lord, that__ I should boast, save in the death of__
3. See, from his head, his__ hands, his__ feet, sor - row and love flow__
4. Were the whole realm of__ na - ture__ mine, that were a pres - ent__



glo - ry__ died, my rich - est gain I__ count but__
Christ my__ God: all the vain things that__ charm me__
min - gled__ down: did e'er such love and__ sor - row__
far too__ small; love so a - maz - ing,__ so di - -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my__ pride.
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his__ blood.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a__ crown?
- vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my__ all.

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Matt Merker
text: v. 1-2 Ada Habershon, 1906
vs. 3 Matt Merker, 2013



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast.



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Refrain



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me



so, He will hold me fast.

“Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)”

Christopher Miner, 1997
text: Martin Luther, 1523



1. From depths of woe I raise_ to Thee, The voice_ of lam - en - ta - tion;
2. To_ wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth;



Lord, turn a gra - cious ear_ to me And hear_ my sup - pli - ca - tion;
Our works, a - las! Are all_ in vain; In much_ the best life fail - eth;



If thou in - iq - ui - ties_ dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark,
No man can glo - ry in_ Thy sight, All must_ a - like con - fess_ Thy might,

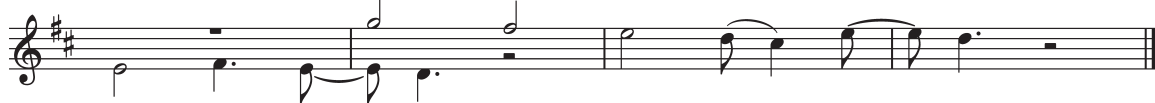
Women: 1. O_ who shall stand be - fore_ Thee?
2. And live a - lone by_ mer - cy

Refrain



Men: O_ who shall stand be - fore_ Thee? O_ who shall
And live a - lone by mer - cy And live a -

Who shall stand be - fore_ Thee?
Live a - lone by_ mer - cy



stand be - fore_ Thee?
- lone by mer - cy

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (echo)
I wait for it with patience (echo)

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'till God appeareth (echo)
And wait 'till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth,
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

Almighty God, eternal Father,

**we have sat at Your feet,
learned from Your word,
and eaten from Your table.
We give You thanks and praise
for accepting us into Your family.
Send us out with Your blessing,
to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.**

May the Sovereign LORD wipe away every tear from your eye as He sets death to death forever.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Please enjoy the fellowship of believers in the lobby or outside.

SCATTERING

*Kenyan Reformed
Prayer*

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 25

POSTLUDE

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

Good Father, open my heart and my eyes to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, even against the darkness of my sin and suffering; and help me to draw near, believing that You exist and that You meet those who seek You in Christ. In my doubt, guide my mind. In my wandering, guide my feet and bring me ultimately home through Jesus, the Way. (2 Corinthians 4, Hebrews 11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Youth** - Join us this Wednesday, May 20. Remember, doors open at 5 for students that want to hang out, and Bible study runs from 6:30-8:00 pm.

UPCOMING

- **Congregational Info Session** - Join us next Sunday, May 24, at 9:30 am in the main theater, for an update on several things, including: new building design & construction, finances, bylaws, and other exciting new ministry updates!
- **20Somethings Summer Bible Study for College Students** - starts up on May 28. We will meet through the summer at 6:30 pm on Thursdays, and will be studying 1 Peter. Stay tuned for more details!
- **Youth End of Year Party** - Join us for games and dinner on May 30, 6:00- 8:00 pm in the youth room.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Graduating Seniors: Reese Deines, Jackson Mullins, Jackson Murphy

Upcoming Sixth Graders: Leeann Franklin, Lailey Murphy

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