



Sunday, January 24, 2021

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth;”  
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
1 Chronicles 16:29-30

## **Order of Worship and Lyrics**

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and  
mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Praise Song:** He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold.  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast

[Chorus]

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight.  
Christ will hold me fast.

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost. He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life. He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight. When he comes at last.

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

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.

## **Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

## **Unison Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-12**

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

## **Pastoral Prayer and 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, forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Anthem: He Knows My Name**

I have a Maker. He formed my heart,  
Before even time began. My life was in his hands  
He knows my name. He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls. And He hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.  
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go.  
He knows my name. He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls, And He hears me when I call.

**Sermon:** “Almost Persuaded” Dan Kish

**Scripture:** Acts 26:24-29

“And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” 25 But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. 26 For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” 28 And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” 29 And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

**Hymn:**           **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought, By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, And Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, Or man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, First in my heart,  
High King of heaven, My treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, My victory won, May I reach  
heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall, Still be my  
Vision, O Ruler of all.

**Benediction/Response:** Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen!

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