

DIVINE WORSHIP

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Minister: You are Christ's, and Christ is God's, and God's Spirit dwells in you. Bow your hearts in worship and glorify the triune Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 179

SCRIPTURE READING


Ruling Elder

Deuteronomy 6:4-6
1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 133



1. How beau - ti - ful the sight of breth - ren who a - gree in
2. 'Tis like the dew that fills the cups of Her - mon's flow'rs; or
3. For there the Lord com - mands bless - ings, a bound - less store, from

5 friend-ship to u - nite, and bonds of char - i - ty; 'tis like the pre - cious
Zi - on's fruit - ful hill, bright with the drops of show'rs, when min - gling o - dors
11 his un - spar - ings hands, yea, life for - ev - er - more: thrice hap - py they who

oint - ment, shed o'er all his robes, from Aar - on's head.
breathe a - round, and glo - ry rests on all the ground.
meet a - bove to spend e - ter - ni - ty in love!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

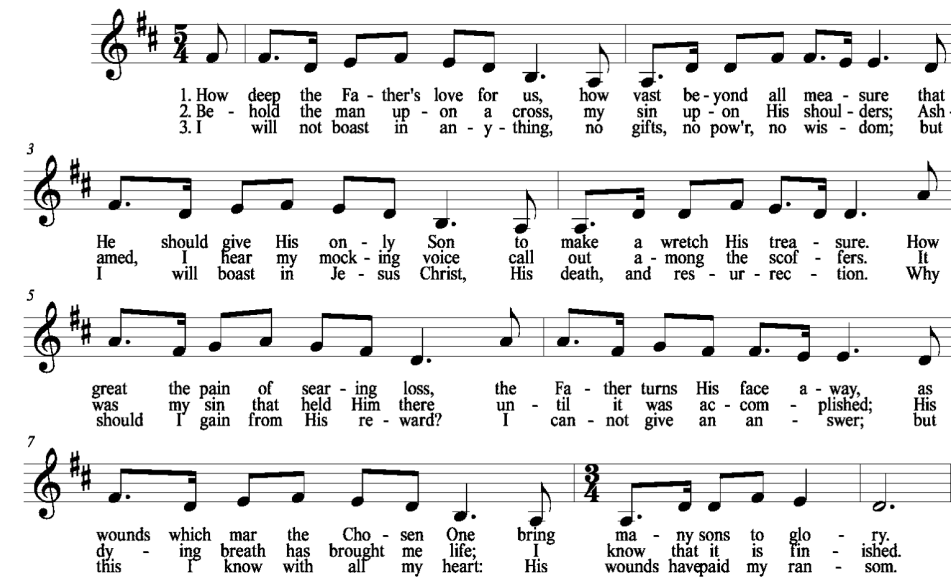
ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but

3 He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
I amed, I will hear my mock - ing voice, call out death, a - mong the scof - fers. It
Why

5 great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

7 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing I know breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds havepaid my ran - som.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated 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,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Choir)

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Greatest of These
Romans 12:9-13 (Pew Bible, 948)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!
Trinity Hymnal, 688 vs. 1, 2, 4

*PASTORAL BLESSING (Minister)

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

* = Please stand if able.

**According to the Westminster Larger Catechism, "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, *He descended into hell*" (WLC 50).

Sermon Notes

The Greatest of These
Romans 12:9-13 (Pew Bible, 948)

I. Introduction

II. The Nature of Love

III. The Nurture of Love

IV. The Need of Love

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith! We are thankful that you have come to worship the true and living God with us. Our worship service, in essence, is a covenant renewal ceremony in which the covenant community gathers to hear the covenant promises, which have been secured for us by Christ, and respond in faith. The congregation is not a passive but active participant in the worship service.

If you are visiting with us this morning, please complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory so that we may have a record of your visit.

Paraments: Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. Green is displayed during "ordinary time" which includes the period between Epiphany and Lent and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

Restrooms: Restrooms are available at the East-end on the sanctuary level or downstairs at the East-end of the hallway. Please use the restrooms downstairs during the worship service.

Children & Restrooms: Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

Adult Sunday School Series: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for our series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – June 5th: \$13,822
Designated giving: \$150
Total giving: \$13,972

General fund giving (YTD): \$230,786
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,369
Total giving (YTD): \$233,205

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Lord's Day, June 12, 2022

10:30 A.M.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night" (Psalm 92:1,2)

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