

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

At the Name of Jesus

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 96:1-6

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Psalm 46)
Trinity Hymnal, 92

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 Peter 5:5-6

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

All Creatures of Our God and King
Trinity Hymnal, 115 verses 1, 3, 4, 5

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)

Daniel 9:18b-19a

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath 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

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
I amed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

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

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing 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.

PASTORAL 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*

SERMON

Humility Exalted
Matthew 23:1-12 (Pew Bible, 828)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (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

Make Me a Captive, Lord

* = 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

Humility Exalted

Matthew 23:1-12 (Pew Bible, 828)

I. Introduction

II. Legal Honor

III. Honoring Legalism

IV. Exalting Hypocrisy

V. Humility Exalted

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.

Seating: Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

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.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – August 30th: \$5,365

Designated giving: \$10

Total giving: \$5,375

General fund giving (YTD): \$269,676

Designated giving (YTD): \$3,454

Total giving (YTD): \$273,130

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Lord's Day, September 6, 2020

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 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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