

September 20, 2020

Order of Worship

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising

A.L. Page

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Welcome

Pastor Jim

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: With steadfast love and growing faith,

People: *We come as the people of Christ.*

Leader: With prayers of hope and songs of joy,

People: *We come to worship God, the eternal and ever-loving.*

Leader: With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

People: *We come to give God glory and praise.*

All: *Here we are together as people of faith and hope to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust; and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

*Praise is rising, eyes are turning
to You; we turn to You;
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning
for You, we long for You;
'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears
are washed away, washed away.*

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God Who saves us,
worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

*Hear the sound of hearts returning
to You; we turn to You;
In Your Kingdom broken lives
are made new, You make us new.
'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away,
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**What A Beautiful Name
Hillsong United**

***You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ***

***What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.***

***You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now***

***What a wonderful Name it is,
what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.***

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anette

***Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are - yearning to be close to you
but fearful of what you may ask. Our desire to be faithful is woven with our
hesitancy to go the extra mile; our wanting to be loving is diluted by our
resistance to caring in particular situations. Loving God, we are tangled vine.
Forgive us, gracious Lord, as we confess our shortcomings before you now.***

Silent Prayer

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor Anette

God does not leave us to live our faith by ourselves. We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, whose faithful living inspires our own. Our best witness also shows us the way, setting us free from any weight that keeps us from running our own faithful race. Brothers and sisters, know that Jesus Christ forgives us and frees us to run the race of faith together. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Thanksgiving

***Gloria Patri*
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki**

***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.***

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Pastor Anette

Time For Young Disciples

C.M. Hourigan

Prayer Song

*God is always near me,
God will always hear me,
When I pray.*

First Lesson

1 Peter 2: 9 - 10

Pastor Anette

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn of Preparation

O Jesus, I Have Promised
John E. Bode
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki

*O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.*

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1: 1 - 6

Pastor Jim

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Jim

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord
Lloyd Larson
LNPC Chancel Choir

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in darkest sin –
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Anette

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

Hymn of Response

We Are Called To Be God's People

Thomas A. Jackson

Lee Lee Truong Sawicki

***We are called to be God's servants,
working in his world today;
Taking his own task upon us,
all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then to his summons,
dedicate to him our all.
That we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer now his call.***

***We are called to be God's prophets,
speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice,
bringing evil things to light,
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfill,
That the world may know the blessing
of the doing of God's will.***

Charge and Benediction

Pastor Jim

Choral Response

Prayer For The Road
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki

***May we be blessed as we go on our way.
May we be kept in safety and love.
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,
May this be our blessing, Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.***

Postlude

Praising The Almighty
E. Broughton
Suk Choi