

Welcome to Worship

Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors February 20, 2022

Prelude

As We Gather

As we gather may your Spirit work within us, As we gather may we glorify your name. Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, We'll be blessed because we came. (repeat) (Mike Faye, Tom Coomes, 1981 Coomesietunes: Adm. by Maranatha! Music, CCLI License #297685

Welcome & Announcements

Focus

In this text, Jesus makes a claim with staggering implications. But an argument breaks out that prevents the people from hearing or examining the claim. Is the same thing happening to us today? Are the arguments and disagreements in our culture preventing us from knowing and experiencing the truth of Jesus' claim?

Confession (Reading Together)

Jesus, we confess our unbelief.

Often we drink from the cup of our own desires rather than from the everlasting well of your living water. We are thirsty yet we look for

life in empty cisterns.

Show us the folly of trying to find life without you. In your mercy forgive our sin for Jesus' sake.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, our sins are forgiven. Jesus, by his death and resurrection has restored our fellowship with God and with each other.

Scripture Reading John 7:37-52, Psalm 118:1-9, 21-29

We Greet Each Other

Please rise if you are able and greet one another as you are comfortable.

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy

You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. (Martin Nystrom, 1984 Maranatha! Music, CCLI License #297685)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #665 (tune: #10)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,"Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was guenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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Presenting Our Gifts to God/ Congregational Prayer

Message: "If Anyone Is Thirsty"

~Jim Keener

Eat This Bread #818

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst. Words and Music: The Community of Taize, Jacques Berthier, c. 1991, GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-719593

The Lord's Supper

Litany:

Pastor: In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection

life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup. People: We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Parting Blessing

I Come with Joy #533 Verses 1 & 6 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one. Words: Brian Wren, 1970, © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company CCLI License #297685

Postlude and Intercessory Prayer