

Welcome to Worship

Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors

January 9, 2022

Prelude

Speak O Lord (#755)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness—
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Welcome & Announcements

Focus

This week we will see God working something new through Jesus; something exciting that will change people's lives. In the short story of Jesus turning water to wine, we get a glimpse into his whole ministry and purpose.

Confession

(Reading Together)

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,

and the sins we have done to please others.
Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not;
forgive them, O Lord,
forgive them all because of your great goodness.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

We Greet Each Other

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy (#689)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
Make our love, O God, more faithful,
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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God, Who Created Hearts to Love (#317, v. 1, 2, 5)

God, who created hearts to love,
showering all blessings from above—
Alleluia! Alleluia—
give these, who come to you with praise,
peace, love, and laughter all their days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus at Cana gave a sign,
turning the water into wine:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sign that continues as he said—
love, living, risen from the dead.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God, let our joyful singing be
sign of our faith community.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Baptized in water, we are fed,
sharing the living wine and bread.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Children's Message

Joy to the World (#92, v. 1, 2)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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Presenting Our Gifts to God and Congregational Prayer

Message "The Significance of a Party"

~Pastor Jonathan Owens

Table of Plenty (#808, v. 1, 3)

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.
Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness

to flood the depths of your soul.
Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

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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 and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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

In Christ We Live

In Christ we live
And in Christ we die
And in Christ we rise up again
Let heaven be glad
And let earth rejoice
And sing hallelujah Amen

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Postlude and Opportunity for Prayer at the Front