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THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-4

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

PEOPLE: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

LEADER: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

PEOPLE: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

**How can it be, the One who died,
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah.**

SERMON

“Persistence in Prayer”

Matthew 7:7-11

Rev. David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #308

Jesus Paid It All

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN #726

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

POSTLUDE

SERMON NOTES

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Before the Throne of God Above

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God**

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**For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;
Christ, Christ He is risen.**

CHORUS

**Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.**

**Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet, sing hallelujah.**

**Once bound by fear now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.**

CHORUS

**The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace;
Go tell of His goodness.**

CHORUS

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*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

WLC Questions #178, 185

Q. 178. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Q. 185. How are we to pray?

A. We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him, with humble submission to his will.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord,
that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God,
for he will abundantly pardon.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:11, 26

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.... Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*OT SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:10-14

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER