

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 26, 2009

10:30 A.M.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude:** \**Jesus Loves Me / Clair de Lune* (Mrs. Norma Ashley, piano) arr. Fred Bock

**Welcome and Announcements** Jay Myers, Ruling Elder / Shepherd

## CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

**\*Doxology:** No. 731 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Ascription of Praise:** 1 Timothy 2:3-6

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship:** *Christ, our Mediator* John Panico, Seminary Youth Intern

**Leader:** *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

**Congregation:** **To all who believed in His name, He gave the Right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)**

**Leader:** *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. 53:6)*

**Congregation:** **For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. (1 Tim. 2:5)**

**Leader:** *For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)*

**ALL:** **And you, who were dead in your trespasses ... God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Col. 2:13-14)**

**\*Songs of Praise:** *The Battle Belongs to the Lord* Jamie Owens-Collins  
*No. 173 - Soldiers of Christ, Arise (Eph.6:10-11)* Charles Wesley

**\*Profession of Faith:** *A Westminster Creed (part one)*

We believe man's chief end is to glorify God,  
and to enjoy Him forever.

We believe God is a Spirit,  
infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,  
in His being, wisdom, power,  
holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

We believe there is only one living and true God;  
that there are three persons in the godhead:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
and that these three are one God,  
the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

We believe God has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass;  
that God made all things of nothing,  
by the word of His power,  
in the space of six days, and all very good;  
and that God preserves and governs  
all His creatures and all their actions. Amen.

**\*Trinitarian Praise:** No. 735 - *Gloria Patri* from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century

## CONFESSING OUR SINS

**Prayer of Repentance:** *Dr. Larry Roff, Associate Pastor*  
*from "The Valley of Vision" (a collection of puritan prayers)*

**Hymn of Promise:** *I Can Hear My Savior Calling* E. W. Blandy  
*I can hear my Savior calling ... "Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."*

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Isaiah 1:18*

## DEDICATING OUR LIVES

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem:** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. David German  
*Please fill out Blue Cards in pens, and place them in the offering plates.*

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night. Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true Son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance now and always.  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven my victory won; May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen!*

**Prayer for Children's Church**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** *O Church, Arise and Put Your Armor On* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## PREACHING HIS WORD

**Scripture:** *Nehemiah 6:1 – 7:4* Pastor Roff

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "SPIRITUAL WARFARE"**

**Prayer for Divine Blessing**

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*Hymn:** No. 577 – *Stand Up, My Soul; Shake Off Your Fears* Isaac Watts  
*Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** *Praise God* (Mrs. Carol DeMonaco) Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

*\*Norma Ashley's prelude was a favourite of her mother's, who passed away in 2005.  
Yesterday would have been her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“SPIRITUAL WARFARE”**

Nehemiah 6:1 – 7:4

**1. The Gospel Overcomes DISTRACTIONS** (vs 1-4)

*(They) sent to me, saying, Come and let us meet together.  
Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?*

**2. The Gospel Overcomes RUMORS** (vs 5-9)

*No such things as you say have been done,  
for you are inventing them out of your own mind.*

**3. The Gospel Overcomes INTIMIDATION** (vs 10-14)

*Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you.  
He was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin.*

**4. The Gospel Overcomes PRESSURE** (vs 15-19)

*The nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, for many in Judah were bound by oath to him. And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid.*

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*This is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,  
who desires all people to be saved  
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

*For there is one God, and there is one mediator  
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,  
who gave Himself as a ransom for all.*

1Timothy 2:3-6

**LOVING GOD ... SERVING PEOPLE**  
*Celebrating Our Fifty-first Anniversary*