

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 12, 2009

10:30 A.M.

Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin  
July 10, 1509

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude:** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (Psalm 100) arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Welcome and Announcements** John Brandt, Ruling Elder / Shepherd

## CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

**\*Doxology:** No. 731 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Dr. Carl Ashley, Choral Director

**\*Ascription of Praise:** Psalm 100:1-2

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

**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 93 Mr. Jay Forester, Assistant to the Pastor

**Leader:** The LORD reigns: He is robed in majesty.

**Women:** The LORD is robed;  
He has put on strength as His belt.

**Men:** Your throne is established from of old;  
You are from everlasting.

**Leader:** The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.

**Women:** Mightier than the thunders of many waters,

**Men:** Mightier than the waves of the sea.

**Leader:** The LORD on high is mighty!

**ALL:** Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**\*Hymn of Praise:** No. 613 - Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah from Psalm 118  
from the 1551 Genevan Psalter

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

We believe our first parents,  
though created in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness,  
sinned against God, by eating the forbidden fruit;  
and that their fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

We believe God determined,  
out of His mere good pleasure,  
to deliver His elect out of the estate of sin and misery,  
and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

We believe the only Redeemer of God's elect  
is the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who, being the eternal Son of God,  
became man, and so was, and continues to be,  
God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

We believe Christ, as our Redeemer,  
executes the office of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king,  
having come in the state of humiliation and subsequent exultation.

We believe Christ, as our Redeemer,  
underwent the miseries of this life;  
the wrath of God, the cursed death of the cross, and burial;  
He rose again from the dead on the third day,  
ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father,  
and is coming to judge the world at the last day. Amen.

**\*Praise to the Triune God:** No. 735 - Gloria Patri 2nd century

## CONFESSING OUR SINS

**The Ten Commandments:** Hymn No. 724 from the 1547 Genevan Psalter

**Unison Prayer of Confession:** Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments.

But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Assurance of Pardon:** Micah 7:18-19

## DEDICATING OUR LIVES

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

*Please fill out Blue Cards in pens, and place them in the offering plates.*

**Offertory Solo:** *In Christ Alone* (Dr. Carl Ashley) Shawn Craig & Don Koch

**Prayer for Children's Church**

**Pastoral Prayer** (*Missionary of the Week: Lynn and Dianne Downing*)

**\*Hymn:** No. 168 - I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art John Calvin  
from the 1551 Genevan Psalter

## PREACHING HIS WORD

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 12:27 - 47

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "THE JOY OF WORSHIP"** Pastor Roff

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to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing,  
with cymbals, harps, and lyres. (vs 27)*

*And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy;  
the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away. (vs. 43)*

**Prayer for Divine Blessing**

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*Hymn:** No. 1 - All People That On Earth Do Dwell Psalm 100  
from the 1551 Genevan Psalter

*Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.*

**\*Benediction**

**Congregational Meeting:** Rev. Stephen Van Roekel, Moderator

**\*Postlude:** *Go Forth in Faith* (Mrs. Carol DeMonaco) David Paxton

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**EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 pm**

**The Life and Legacy of John Calvin**

SERMON NOTES

**“THE JOY OF WORSHIP”**

Nehemiah 12:27 - 47

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**1. Our Worship is to be CORPORATE**

*... in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem (vs 27a)*

**2. Our Worship is to be MUSICAL**

*... with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres (vs 27b)*

**3. Our Worship is to be PLANNED**

*... appointed two great choirs (vs 31)*

**4. Our Worship is to be PURE**

*... the priests and the Levites purified themselves (vs 30)*

**5. Our Worship is to be JOYFUL**

*... God had made them rejoice with great joy (vs 43)*

**6. Our worship is to be OBEDIENT**

*... On that day men were appointed (vs 44)*

**7. Our Worship is to be AWE-FULL**

*... They performed the service of their God (vs 45)*

The Rev. Omar Ortiz, Senior Pastor-Elect  
The Reverend Dr. Larry Roff – Associate Pastor  
Mr. Jay Forester – Assistant to the Pastor  
The Reverend R. Lynn Downing – Pastor Emeritus

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A. W. Tozer, on Worship

Now, God Almighty sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world for a purpose, and what was the purpose? To hear the average evangelist nowadays you'd think that we might give up tobacco; that Christ came into the world that we might escape hell; that He sent His Son into the world that when at last we get old and tired, we might have some place to go. Now all of these things are true; Jesus Christ does save us from bad habits and He does redeem us from hell and He does prepare us a place in heaven; but that is not the ultimate purpose of redemption.

The purpose of God in sending His Son to die and rise and live and be at the right hand of God the Father was that He might restore to us the missing jewel, the jewel of worship; that we might come back and learn to do again that which we were created to do in the first place – worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, to spend our time in awesome wonder and adoration of God, feeling and expressing it, and letting it get into our labors and doing nothing except as an act of worship to Almighty God through His Son Jesus Christ. I say that the greatest tragedy in the world today is that God has made man in His image and made him to worship Him, and made him to play the harp of worship before the face of God day and night, but he has failed God and dropped the harp. It lies voiceless at his feet.

Now, worship is the missing jewel in modern evangelicalism. We're organized; we work; we have our agendas. We have almost everything. But there's one thing that the churches, even the gospel churches, do not have; that is the ability to worship. We are not cultivating the art of worship. It's the one shining gem that is lost to the modern church, and I believe that we ought to search for this until we find it.

A. W. Tozer, “The Missing Jewel of the Evangelical Church”

John Calvin, on Worship

Let us now see what is meant by the due worship of God. Its chief foundation is to acknowledge him to be, as he is, the only source of all virtue, justice, holiness, wisdom, truth, power, goodness, mercy, life, and salvation; in accordance with this, to ascribe and render to him the glory of all that is good, to seek all things in him alone, and in every want have recourse to him alone.

Hence arises prayer, hence praise and thanksgiving -- these being attestations to the glory which we attribute to him. This is that genuine sanctification of his name which he requires of us above all things. To this is united adoration, by which we manifest for him the reverence due to his greatness and excellency; and to this ceremonies are subservient, as helps or instruments, in order that, in the performance of divine worship, the body may be exercised at the same time with the soul.

Next after these comes self-abasement, when, renouncing the world and the flesh, we are transformed in the renewing of our mind and living no longer to ourselves, submit to be ruled and actuated by him. By this self-abasement we are trained to obedience and devotedness to his will, so that his fear reigns in our hearts, and regulates all the actions of our lives.

That in these things consists the true and sincere worship which alone God approves, and in which alone he delights, is both taught by the Holy Spirit throughout the scriptures, and is also, antecedent to discussion, the obvious dictate of piety.

John Calvin, “The Necessity of Reforming the Church”

**Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church  
Lake Worth, Florida**

**July 12, 2009**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with goodness!  
Come into His presence with singing!*

Psalm 100:1-12



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*Celebrating Our Fifty Second Anniversary*