

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 3, 2009

10:30 A.M.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *Grand Processional; Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Martin Shaw

Welcome and Announcements John Stelter, Ruling Elder / Shepherd

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

***Doxology:** *No. 731 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
(Roland Burgess, piano) Dr. Carl Ashley, Choral Director

***Ascription of Praise:** *Psalms 145:8-9*

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

***Call to Worship:** *from Revelation 4 and 5* John Panico, Seminary Youth Intern

Leader & Choir: *I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!
And behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.*

Congregation: **And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain.**

Leader & Choir: *And the living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. And they sang a new song, saying ...*

All: Worthy are You ... for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Leader & Choir: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice ...*

**ALL: WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN,
TO RECEIVE POWER AND WEALTH
AND WISDOM AND MIGHT
AND HONOR AND GLORY AND BLESSING!**

***Hymn of Praise:** *No. 300 – Blessing and Honor* Horatius Bonar

***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

Christ's Summary of the Law: *Matthew 22:37-40* Dr. Larry Roff, Associate Pastor

Unison Prayer of Confession: *Adapted from John Calvin's General 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: *1 Timothy 1:15*

Song of Renewal: *Change My Heart, O God*

Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

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DEDICATING OUR LIVES

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Anthem: *Open Thou Mine Eyes* (Mrs. Norma Ashley, pianist) arr. Benjamin Harlan
Based on a prayer by Lancelot Andrewes, a 17th century Anglican Bishop who oversaw the translation of the King James Bible

*Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see.
Open Thou mine ears and I shall hear.
Incline my heart, I shall desire, order my steps
and I shall walk the ways of Thy commandments.*

*O Lord my God, be Thou to me a God
that I may love You, that I may serve You,
that I may worship You and adore You,
that I may follow You, that I may look to You.*

Prayer for Children's Church

Pastoral Prayer (*Missionary of the Week: Ramiro and Maria Araujo, Ecuador*)

Hymn: *Jesus Is Lord*

Keith Getty and Stuart Tonmend

PREACHING HIS WORD

Scripture: *Nehemiah 7:1-73*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "LEADERSHIP IN THE LORD'S HOUSE"

Pastor Roff

*Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles and the officials
and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. Neh. 7:5*

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn:** *No. 654 – O Jesus, I Have Promised* *John Bode*
Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* *(Mrs. Carol Demonaco)* *Spiritual*

EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 pm

Call to Worship: *Psalm 19:7-11*

Hymn Study: *No. 142 – Lord, Thy Word Abideth* *Psalm 27; Henry W. Baker*

Invocation

Favorite Hymns

Catechism Study: *Westminster Larger Catechism # 47*

Q. How did Christ humble Himself in His conception and birth?

A. Christ humbled Himself in His conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fullness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

Prayer Requests

Scripture: *Romans 10:8-17*

**Bible Study: “WHAT IS A REFORMED CHURCH; pt. 6 ...
EXPOSITORY PREACHING”**

Benediction

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Next Sunday morning at 10:30 am
52nd anniversary
1957 – 2009

Guest Preacher, Rev. Lynn Downing
Pastor Emeritus

SERMON NOTES

“LEADERSHIP IN THE LORD’S HOUSE”

Nehemiah 7:1-73

1. Worshipful Celebration

This work had been accomplished with the help of our God (6:16)

2. Thoughtful Delegation

I gave ... charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many (vs 2)

3. Careful Protection

Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. Appoint guards (vs 3-4)

4. Sensitive

My God put it into my heart (vs 5)

5. Analytical Organization

These were the people ... (vs 5ff)

6. Critical Registration

These sought their registration ... but it was not found, so they were excluded (vs 64)

Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church
Lake Worth, Florida

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*The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*The LORD is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made.*

Psalm 145:8-9

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