

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 17, 2009

10:30 A.M.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *In the Garden / Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Miller

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 145:8-9*

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

***Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 145* John Panico, Seminary Youth Ministry Intern

Leader & Choir: *I will extol You, My God and King;
and bless Your name for ever and ever.*

Congregation: **Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name for ever and ever.**

Leader & Choir: *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.*

Congregation: **One generation shall commend Your works
to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Leader & Choir: *On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.*

Congregation: **All Your works shall give thanks to You,
O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!**

ALL: **Let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever!**

***Hymn of Praise:** *No.295 – Crown Him with Many Crowns* Matthew Bridges

***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.

***Gloria Patri:** *No. 735* 2nd century

CONFESSING OUR SINS

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

*Searcher of hearts, it is a good day to me when Thou givest me a glimpse of myself;
Sin is my greatest evil; but Thou art my greatest good.
I have cause to loathe myself, not to seek self-honor, for none commends his own dunghill.
Sinners bring judgment in thinking sins are small, or that God is not angry with them.*

*Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from, it.
All my sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.
Work in me more profound and abiding repentance.*

*Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly
the brightness and glories of the saving cross.
Let me not lay my pipe too short of the fountain, never touching the eternal spring,
never drawing down the water of life from above.*

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

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 1:18*

DEDICATING OUR LIVES

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Anthem: *Lord of the Dance* arr. Don Hart
Based on a 19th century Shaker tune, and a text that imagines the Lord Jesus "dancing for joy" over the saving of His people, words suggested by the prophecy of Zephaniah 3:17 – "The LORD your God ... will rejoice over you with gladness ... He will exult over you with loud singing."

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to Me and the dance went on.*

Dance, then, wherever you may be: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

*I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high; and they left Me there on a cross to die.*

*I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the Devil on your back;
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*They cut Me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in Me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.*

Prayer for Children's Church

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

Hymn: *Speak, O Lord* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

PREACHING HIS WORD

Scripture: *Nehemiah 8:1-18* Pastor Roff

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "THE WATERGATE REVIVAL – BY THE BOOK"

*On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites,
came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. Neh. 8:13*

Prayer for Divine Blessing

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn:** *No. 341 – O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us* Bessie Head
Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.

Reception of New Members: *Gary & Pat Timmrman and Michelle Barry*

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Open My Eyes, that I May See* (Mrs. Carol Demonaco) David H. Hegarty

EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 pm

Call to Worship: *1 Corinthians 1:18*

Hymn Study: *No. 427 – Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands* Charles Spurgeon

Invocation

Favorite Hymns

Powerpoint and Video reports: *Moscow and Washington State*

Catechism Study: *Westminster Larger Catechism # 49*

Q. How did Christ humble Himself in His death?

A. Christ humbled Himself in His death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by His disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by His persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God’s wrath, He laid down His life and offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

Prayer Requests

Scripture: *Matthew 26:26-29*

**Bible Study: “WHAT IS A REFORMED CHURCH; pt. 8 –
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION”**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Benediction

PANICO APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning at 10:30 am
Celebrating the ministry of John and Tiffany Panico
our Seminary Youth Intern

Testimonies of gratitude in the morning
6:00 pm Reception in the Fellowship Hall

SERMON NOTES

“THE WATERGATE REVIVAL ... BY THE BOOK”

Nehemiah 8:1-18

1. Revived ... by READING God’s Word (vs 1-5)

So Ezra the priest brought the law before the Assembly. And he read from it from early morning until midday.

2. Revived ... by UNDERSTANDING God’s Word (vs 6-12)

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

3 Revived ... by OBEYING God’s Word (vs 13-18)

*And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded
So the people went out and made booths for themselves.*

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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

LOVING GOD ... SERVING PEOPLE

Celebrating Our Fifty Second Anniversary