

## **Call To Worship**

*We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Our Spoken Call to Worship**

*Reading from Isaiah 66:1-2*

Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool.  
Where is the house that you will build Me?  
And where is the place of My rest?  
For all those things My hand has made,  
And all those things exist.  
But on this one will I look:  
On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit,  
And who trembles at My word.”

**We come humbly before You today, Lord.**

**Give us eyes to see Your glory,  
ears to hear Your voice,  
lips to sing Your praise,  
hands to do Your will,  
feet to follow Your path,  
hearts to love You more,  
and minds to know that You  
are the Lord and there is no other.**

**We are here to worship You.**

### **Our Sung Call to Worship**

#### **Behold Our God**

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

#### **Chorus**

**Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!**

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (Chorus)

Bridge

You will reign forever. (Let your glory fill the earth.)

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You will reign forever. (Chorus)

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### **Confession**

*We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.*

#### **Our Spoken Confession**

*From "A Disciple's Renewal" in Valley of Vision*

**Oh Savior, help us.**

**We are so slow to learn, so prone to forget,  
so weak to climb;  
we are in the foothills when we should be on  
the heights.**

**We are pained by our graceless heart,  
our prayerless days,  
our poverty of love,  
our sloth in the heavenly race,  
our sullied conscience,  
our wasted hours,  
our unspent opportunities.**

**We are blind while light shines around us:  
take the scales from our eyes,  
and grind to dust the evil heart of our unbelief.**

*Time of silent confession.*

### **Assurance and Peace**

*We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

#### **Remember the Gospel**

*From Romans 8:31-39*

What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him  
up for us all, how will He not also with Him  
graciously give us all things?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?  
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?  
Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed is interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,  
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**No! In all these things we are more than**

**conquerors through Him who loved us.**

**For we are sure that neither death nor life,  
nor angels nor rulers,  
nor things present nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Our Sung Profession of Assurance  
The Gospel Song**

Holy God in love became,  
Perfect Man to bear my blame,  
On the cross He took my sin,  
By His death I live again.

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**O Praise the Name**

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary,  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears.  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone.  
Messiah still and all alone. (Chorus)

**Chorus**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God.  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.**

Verse 3

And on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King. (Chorus)

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white.  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Chorus)

Tag

O Lord, O Lord our God.  
O Lord, O Lord our God.

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## **Thanksgiving and Petition**

### **Elder Prayer**

### **Offering**

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### **Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 5:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

<sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

This the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

1 Peter 5:1-5 – An Exhortation to Elders – Pastor Michael Felkins

### **The Lord’s Supper**

This morning we will be observing the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a covenant meal for the people of God whereby we remember the person and work of Christ on the cross to redeem us from our sin. It is a time to reflect, remember and repent. It is also the application of the sermon whereby we confess our sin and continually turn to Jesus for grace.

If you have trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior, have been baptized by immersion and are a member in good standing of a local church we invite you to share in this covenant meal with us.

We also ask that everyone who takes this covenant meal with us remember the warning given by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, “*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.* <sup>28</sup> *Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* <sup>29</sup> *For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*” So we ask that you examine your heart and your relationship with God through the person and work of Christ.

If you are not able to receive the Lord’s Supper with us, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

### **A PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted in my pursuit of knowing You. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent and convincing, and that leads me to the life in You. Amen.

### **A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CONFESS FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST**

Lord Jesus I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more

loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserve in order to purchase my complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as My Savior and Lord. Amen.

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CONFESSED FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST**

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit in a local community of Christ followers. Amen.

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*Please dispose of your Lord's Supper cup in the waste receptacles near the doors or put them in the cup holders of the chairs with book racks under them.*

**Sending**

*Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.*

**Sending Song**

**The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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