

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 9, 2025

*Indicates those able may stand

When the prelude begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship

Prelude

“Meine Seele erhebt den Herren” (BWV 648) J.S. Bach

(My Soul magnifies the Lord)

“Ar hyd y nos” D. Wood

(For the fruit of all creation)

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Drew DiNardo

Preparation for Worship

Dr. Stuart Sacks

*Call to Worship *(Adapted from 2 Samuel 22)*

One: For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the
Rock except our God?

**All: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be
my God, the Rock, my Savior!**

One: Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I
will sing the praises of your name.

*Invocation

*Hymn 167 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Alike at work and prayer

to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

2 When sleep her balm denies,
my silent spirit sighs:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
When evil thoughts molest,
with this I shield my breast:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

3 Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

4 In heav'n's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
The pow'rs of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

5 Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

6 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

*Call to Confession

Nathan Titus, Pastoral Intern

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

*The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*2nd Sunday Confession of Faith

(Adapted from The Ligonier Statement on Christology)

We believe in and confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.

Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us.

Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.

For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.

**Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever.
Amen.**

In you, O LORD, I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Turn your ear to me; come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols, I trust in the LORD.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love,
for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.

You have not handed me over to the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief.

My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;

my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors,

I am dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.

I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side;

they conspire against me and plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

Intercessory Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory "And Can It Be" arr. D. Forrest
(St Stephen Choir; Jane Hunt, piano)

*Doxology

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Sermon "Parable of the Great Banquet" Dr. Drew DiNardo

*Closing Hymn 469 "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

1 How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

2 While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

3 "Why was I made to hear your voice,
and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?"

4 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

6 We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

*Benediction

*Congregation Three-fold Amen

*Postlude

"Prelude in B"

M. Dupre

Join us tonight at 4:00 pm as Nathan Titus preaches on
Micah 3:9-4:5 *Desolate Field, Towering Mountain*,
at our evening service.