

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

PASTOR: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

PASTOR: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

PEOPLE: **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

PASTOR: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

PEOPLE: **to make known to the children of man your mighty
deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

ALL: **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ensemble & Congregation

Across the Lands

¹
You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice;
let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice.

²
Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost;
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea;
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.

Chorus
*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out
across the lands!*

³
With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own,
from each tribe and tongue
and nation,
you are leading sinners home.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *from Westminster Larger Catechism
Q&A 103-104 (Modern English Version)*

PASTOR: What is the first commandment?

ALL: **The first commandment is: You shall have no other
gods before me.**

PASTOR: What does the first commandment require?

ALL: **The first commandment requires us to know and
recognize God as the only true God and our God
and to worship and glorify him as such by valuing,
meditating on, remembering, highly regarding,
honoring, adoring, preferring, loving, desiring,
fearing, believing, trusting, hoping, delighting,
and rejoicing in him.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **O Great God, we confess that in the darkness of our
sinful minds, we have broken your first commandment
and have had other gods before you. We have not
valued you above all other things, but have treasured
created things. We have not meditated upon you, but
have been consumed by the pursuits of this world. We
have not trusted your word, but have filled our hearts
with worries and anxieties. We have not taken joy in
knowing you, but have approached our relationship
with you as a burden.**

**Forgive us, O God! You, and you alone, are our highest
good, but we have replaced you with lesser things. By
your grace, renew our minds and teach us to seek and
to worship only you, the one true God. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN *In these moments, we individually
come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may
take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD *Romans 8:3-5*

PASTOR: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,
could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in
order that the righteous requirement of the law might be
fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit. For those who live according to
the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but
those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on
the things of the Spirit.

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD *Ensemble & Congregation*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

¹
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

²
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in him we stand.

³
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory:
grace unmeasured, love untold!

⁴
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

*Bryan & Rebe McReynolds,
Missionaries to Madagascar*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

*(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY

Choir

“Praise Him, Praise Him’ with ‘Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

—arranged by Patti Drennan—

* PRAISING OUR GOD

Doxology (Hymn 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 604 (vv. 1-6)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

* SCRIPTURE READING

*Elder David Hitt
Page 965 in the pew Bible*

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

“A Sweet Smell in a World of Odors”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 580 (vv. 1-3)

Lead On, O King Eternal

* BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 2:14

PASTOR: But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in
triumphal procession, and through us spreads the
fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

POSTLUDE

Hana Do

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

** Congregation Please Stand*

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

