

Pre-service Song

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He is the Warrior who surrendered,
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the God who rose to save;
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Call To Worship

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

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10 (ESV)

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory!**

Our Sung Call to Worship

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord our Savior, reigns,
The God of Truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up,
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Psalms 32:3-6; Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,

**and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

**Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.**

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

New City Catechism, Questions 22-24

Remember the Gospel!
Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

**That in human nature he might on our behalf
Perfectly obey the whole law
And suffer the punishment for human sin;
And also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.**

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

**That because of his divine nature
His obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective;
And also that he would be able to bear
The righteous anger of God against sin
And yet overcome death.**

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**Since death is the punishment for sin,
Christ died willingly in our place
To deliver us from the power and penalty of sin
And to bring us back to God.
By his substitutionary atoning death,
He alone redeems us from hell
And gains for us forgiveness of sin,
Righteousness, and everlasting life.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Is He Worthy? (Distribution Song)

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.**

Is a new creation coming? **It is.**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

**The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? He is!**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son!**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is!
He is!**

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Run and Run (Christ is All My Righteousness)
Run and run, the law demands;
but gives me neither feet nor hands.
Better news, the gospel brings;
it bids me fly, it gives me wings.

Bearing shame and all my sin,
there in my place He stood condemned.
Here I stand, now justified;
my guilt is His, His grace is mine.

Chorus
Praise the Lord!
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!
Now and forevermore, my heart confess:
Christ is all my righteousness;
Christ is all my righteousness.

My accuser, he may roar
of countless sins that I have done.
These I know, and thousands more.
Behold, my God, He knows not one. (Chorus)

When I stand before the throne,
there dressed in beauty not my own,
then, Lord, shall I fully know,
not till that day, how much I owe.

Praise the Lord!
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!
Now and forevermore, my heart confess:
Christ is all my righteousness;

Praise the Lord!
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!
For now this sinner's heart has found its rest;
Christ is all my righteousness;
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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

You may give electronically at gabcame.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:57-68 (ESV)

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers and the flower falls
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Matthew 26:57-68 – Jesus: Condemned in Court – Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?

3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

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.

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Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75