

Pre-service Song

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Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

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We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
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Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
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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

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7 (ESV)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

**Why do you spend your money
for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

**Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;

Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses and strengths and causes fear to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love;
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

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God originally created Man in His own image.
He created them male and female as the crowning work
of His creation.

**In the beginning, man was innocent of sin.
Through the temptation of Satan,
man chose to sin against the command of God
and fell from his original holiness and righteousness.**

All future generations of man now inherit a corrupt nature,
wholly opposed to God and His law.
They became transgressors and are under condemnation.

Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship.

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest,
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

**Lord, I need You! Oh, I need You!
Ev'ry hour I need You!
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh, God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. (Repeat, then Chorus)

You're my one defense, my righteousness—
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Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

Philippians 2:6-11 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Your Will Be Done

Your will be done, my God and Father as in heaven, so on earth.
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first.
As Jesus walked, so shall I walk held by Your same unchanging love.
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray,
"Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know.
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone.
What wondrous faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed:
"Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt.
Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne.
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing:
"Father, not my will, but Yours be done.

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight.
That all the world might see Your glory and Your Name be lifted high.
And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home.
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:
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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 gabcomes.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

James 1:5-8 (ESV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

James 1:5-8 (ESV) - On Faith and Wisdom - Pastor Dean VanEvery

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

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to do far more
abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.**

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: James 1:9-18