

The Worship of God

February 11, 2018

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

—1 John 3.2-3

Gathering at God's Invitation

Christ Candle

Grant Pettit

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm,

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

—Psalm 50.1-6

†Hymn 90

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Christ Is the World's Light

†Words of Friendship

Christina McCord

Hearing God's Word

During the congregational verse, children ages four through first grade may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

†Congregational Verse

ANCIENT WORDS

Ho - ly_ words long pre - served for our walk in this world, they re -

sound with God's own heart; O let the an - cient words im - part.

An - cient words ev - er true, chang - ing me and chang - ing you;

we have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part.

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Opening of God's Word

Parker Curtis

Prayers of God's People

Dr. Steve Pressley

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9.2-9

Jake Isom

Choral Music

Come to Jesus

Mark Hayes

Youth Choir, Cynthia Hartis, accompanist

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Responding to God's Word

†Hymn 721

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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(During the hymn youth and helpers will move to the Fellowship Hall to prepare for the meal.)

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Brenda Porterfield

Musical Offering

Dottie Rambo

I Will Lift You There

Jamell Strickland, vocal soloist

†Blessing

Rev. Sherouse

(At this time we will transition to the Fellowship Hall.)

Gathering around the Tables

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2.44-47

Sharing the Meal

Thailand Mission

Phil Barbee and Laura Lomax

Invitation to Give

Rev. Doug Vancil

Song of Thanksgiving

Michael Rosewall

Now Thank We All Our God

The High School Choir

Love Feast

Rev. Sherouse

(Hosts will distribute the rolls and hot chocolate, lead each table of guests in the scriptural litany, and then enjoy the dessert together. Please linger at the tables in conversation as long as you wish. Youth helpers will clear the tables.)

Scriptural Litany

Table Hosts

(Hosts will read the regular print and guests read the bold print.)

Let love be genuine and live in harmony;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

**Outdo one another in showing honor;
be humble and never conceited.**

Put love above all else;
let Christ's peace rule in your hearts.

**Always be forgiving,
as Christ has forgiven you.**

Do not love in word or speech only;
love also in deed and truth.

**Receive each other in sincerity,
find mercy and grow old together.**

When the Lord builds the house,
the labor is never in vain.

**Happy are those who take refuge in God;
those who serve the Lord are redeemed.**