

The Worship of God

January 21, 2018

At the name of **Jesus** every knee should bend,
in **heaven** and on **earth** and under the earth.

— Philippians 2.11

Gathering at God's Invitation

Music for Gathering Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle Millicent Childs

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Organ Voluntary Searle Wright
Fantasy, Fugue, and Chorale on Engelberg

†Unison Confession of Faith Terri Vancil

Christ Jesus,

though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God; Jesus Christ is Lord!

—from Philippians 2.5-11

†Hymn of Praise 127

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All Praise to Christ
Please omit stanza five.

†Words of Friendship

Dr. Steve Pressley

A Family Covenanting

Rev. Sherouse
Christina McCord

Finley James Culbreth, son of Chris and Autumn Culbreth

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.

Opening of God's Word

Braden Hall

Prayers of God's People

Gina Waters, Coolidge Porterfield, Rosemary Kellam, Jamell Strickland

Congregational Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Scripture Lesson

John 1.43-51

Rev. Doug Vancil

Sermon

Leaving the Shade

Rev. Sherouse

Responding to God's Word

†Hymn 192

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Cliff Lowery, deacon

Choral Offering

Alice Parker

Be Thou My Vision

Sanctuary Choir, Tia Pennington, soloist
Aaron Matson, guitar

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sending into God's World

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Congregational Response

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Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways in which we can become better acquainted. During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will also be greeting worshippers at each exit door after the service.