

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

(SEATED)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Call to Worship— From Psalm 145

(STANDING)

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

All: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

All: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his name forever and ever!

Hymn – Jesus With Thy Church Abide

(STANDING)

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Jesus, with Thy church abide; Be her savior, Lord, and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; Grant her patience to endure, Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, One in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find, And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

The Prayer of Adoration

Confessing Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism (question 32)

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

Answer: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and thus a partaker of His anointing, in order that I also may confess His name, may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and with a free conscience may fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter in eternity reign with Him over all creatures.

(Acts 11:26; 1 Cor 12:12-27; 1 Jn 2:20, 27; Joel 2:28 [Acts 2:17]; 1 Jn 2:27; Mk 8:38, 10:32; Rom 10:9-10; Heb 13:15; Rom 12:1; 1 Pt 2:5, 9; Rev 1:6, 5:8, 10; Gal 5:16-17; Eph 6:11; 1 Tim 1:18-19; Mt 25:34; Eph 6:12; 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 3:21)

Gloria Patri: (Hymnal #735)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin:

(SEATED)

Leader: Almighty God, your generosity is immensely abundant. You have given us gifts that we do not deserve. You have called us from spiritual death to eternal life. You have forgiven our sins through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. You have poured out your Holy Spirit on us and you have adopted us as your children.

All: Lord, you have provided for all our needs, whether material or spiritual. Nevertheless, we have failed you when we do not rejoice in your goodness and when we forget to be thankful. Often, we have ignored you and being negligent when we do not give you the praise and adoration that only you deserve.

Father, please forgive our ingratitude. Give us eyes that can see your caring hand working in every aspect of our lives and help us to realize that every good gift and every perfect gift is from you. And produce in us a deep gratitude so we can serve you with great joy and with all our heart. It is in the name of our Lord Jesus that we pray. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Private Sin

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:10-11

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn #535 – O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

(STANDING)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love; Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore; How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own; How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

The Prayer of Praise

The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 89:3-4, 28-33

(SEATED)

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.² For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."³ You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ⁴ 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations....'"

...My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.²⁹ I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.³⁰ If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules,³¹ if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,³² then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes,³³ but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness.³⁴ I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.³⁵ Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.³⁶ His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me.³⁷ Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Presentation of His Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology (hymnal #731)

(STANDING)

**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.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Intercessory Prayer

(SEATED)

The Sermon: Pastor Gama Pozos

“Thankfulness and Prayer”
Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Main Idea: What God began in our souls he intends to finish.

I. Thankful for a beloved church (Vv. 3-4,7-8)

II. Thankful for their partnership in the gospel (V. 5)

III. Thankful for God's faithfulness to his covenant of grace (V. 6)

IV. And it is my prayer... (Vv. 9-11)

Hymn— O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r

Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
Through the gospel of your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your Name through me.
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The Benediction

The Three-Fold Amen (hymnal #740)

Amen, Amen, Amen.