

## **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 Revelation 19:5-7**

(STANDING)

Leader: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!"

**All: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!"**

#### **Song— We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore)**

**Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gather up.**

**Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.**

**In the dark of night before the dawn my soul be not afraid.  
For the promised morning oh how long, O God of Jacob be my strength.**

**Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together bring shalom.**

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He has done great things we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.**

#### **The Prayer of Adoration**

**Confessing Our Faith:** (responsive from *Our World Belongs in the Worship Sourcebook #27, p.163*)

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust:

**ALL: Our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning through all the crisis of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

**ALL: Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!**

**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)

**Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins; And imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your Holy laws by our deeds and by our words; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; And all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; And of Your great goodness grant that we may here after serve and please You in newness of life; Through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Silent Confession of Private Sin**

**The Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 7:24-25**

Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

**Hymn # 498 – Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners**

**Jesus! what a friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.**

**Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving,**

**he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.**

**Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.**

**Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.**

**Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find, he hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.**

**Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

### **The Prayer of Praise**

**The New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

(SEATED)

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

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**

#### ***“The Most High Reigns”***

Daniel 4:1-18, 24-28

King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you! <sup>2</sup> It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. <sup>3</sup> How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

<sup>4</sup> I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace. <sup>5</sup> I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me. <sup>6</sup> So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. <sup>7</sup> Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretation. <sup>8</sup> At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Beltshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the dream, saying, <sup>9</sup> “O Beltshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me <sup>3</sup>the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation. <sup>10</sup> The visions of my head as I lay in bed were these: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great. <sup>11</sup> The tree grew and became strong, and its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth. <sup>12</sup> Its leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it. <sup>13</sup> “I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. <sup>15</sup> But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him. <sup>17</sup> The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.’ <sup>18</sup> This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Beltshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you....”

**Main Idea:** Our God is the Sovereign Lord who by His grace rescues us in Jesus from our bondage to sin so we can worship Him.

## **I. Our God is the Sovereign Lord**

## **II. Our Sovereign God rescues us by His grace**

### **Hymn – O Great God (STANDING)**

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.**