

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America
AM Order of Worship – February 14, 2021

Prelude

Please use the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship through silent meditation.

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Call to Worship

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #2

O Worship the King

1 O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Confession of Faith

WCF 1.4—1.5

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The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man, or church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.

WCF 1.5

A. We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture. And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

Offertory

Please use this as a time for silent prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Reading – Psalm 66

¹ Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

² Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

³ Say to God, “How awesome are Your works!

Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

⁴ All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You;

They shall sing praises *to* Your name.” *Selah*

⁵ Come and see the works of God; *He is awesome in His* doing toward the sons of men.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry *land*; They went through the river on foot.

There we will rejoice in Him.

⁷ He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations;

Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*

⁸ Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,

⁹ Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved.

¹⁰ For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

¹¹ You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.

¹² You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water;

But You brought us out to rich *fulfillment*.

¹³ I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,

¹⁴ Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals, With the sweet aroma of rams;

I will offer bulls with goats. *Selah*

¹⁶ Come *and* hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

¹⁹ *But* certainly God has heard *me*; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed *be* God, Who has not turned away my prayer,

Nor His mercy from me!

Confession and Intercession

Assurance of Pardon and God’s Love

Hymn #606*Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

1 Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way! thy guiding grace afford--teach me thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight; lead me with heav'nly light, teach me thy way!

2 When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way! When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress, in failure or success, teach me thy way!

3 When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way! When storms o'erspread the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil, and pain; make thou my pathway plain,
teach me thy way!

4 Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way! Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done, until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:1-13

Sermon:

"God's Unfailing Word"

Pastor Steve Richman

Prayer of Application and Submission**Hymn #457***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Benediction**Hymn #735***Gloria Patri***Postlude**