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9:30 AM

#Prelude: *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Dr. Robert Jones, organist

Charity Boyles
Harold DeCou

CALL TO WORSHIP

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

ADORATION

****Opening Hymn:** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Hymn 185

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most — I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, MUSIC: arr. Lowell Mason.

Taken from *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*. CCLI #541575.

***Nicene Creed**

Pastor Desch

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost (Spirit) of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick (living) and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost (Spirit); The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*holy catholic church: "The worldwide fellowship of believing people whose Head is Christ."

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Desch

RESPONSE

*Hymn: "Lord, Have Mercy"

Michael W. Smith; arr. Steve Merkel

Jesus, I've forgotten the Words that You have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

Chorus:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever-flowing.
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

Chorus

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever-flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Chorus

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OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Hymn 625

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.

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Desch

Anthem: "Speak, O Lord"

Getty/arr. Lloyd Larson

Choral Ensemble

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in you likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. O teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our

eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

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INSTRUCTION

Scripture

Psalm 78:1–8 (ESV) and selected texts

¹ “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³ things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, ⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; ⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

Message: *“Worship (Matters): Biblical Worship for Generations to Come*

Pastor Pittman

1. Read the Word
2. Pray the Word
3. Sing the Word
4. Preach the Word
5. See the Word

COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***Hymn:** *“Living Waters”*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

Chorus:

There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of living waters!

Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shore line; life is in these living waters.

Chorus

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our Living Waters.

Chorus

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***Announcements**

Pastor Pittman

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

James Pethel

Dr. Robert Jones, pianist