

Worship Outline 2019-08-11

Hebrews Series

Gathering

Prelude

Alter of Faith

Wilson

Call to Worship (responsive)

As we are called to worship today,
we are mindful that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.

Today we seek a faith that will open our eyes
that we might worship Christ Jesus in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God.

Worship this great God now with joy, fervor, and love!

Lord our God,

Open our eyes to see your glory.

Open our ears to hear your wisdom.

Open our hands to offer you gifts.

Open our mouths to sing your praise.

Open our hearts to offer you love.

Jesus is Lord! We worship with joy!

+Prayer

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn 611
Thee

Joyful, Joyful We Adore

Litany of Confession

When we come into the holy presence of God,
our own humanity is laid bare.

When we stand in the living presence of truth,
our own falsehood is revealed.

People of God, let us acknowledge who we are
and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Wondrous God,
who sets suns and moons above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:
how often have we tried to hide from your presence,
how seldom have we looked for your creating face
and your fashioning hand!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,

who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself
in the face of Jesus Christ:

how often we have forgotten you,
how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God,
who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Silence is kept.

Assurance

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
Therefore, since we have a great high priest
who has gone through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
we know we receive mercy and grace unto forgiveness.
In Christ, God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Gathering Song 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

Sharing the Story

Blessing the Backpacks

Friends, will you please stand as you are able and raise your hands up high in that ancient posture of blessing...

Now, imagine all the love, support, and encouragement pouring out of you - from the tips of your toes to the top of your head and out through your fingertips - onto all these lovely folks beginning a new year of learning, growing, and getting to know a little better God's Sophia, God's Holy Wisdom...

Lift your hands and your hearts, and let us pray:

Loving God, be with these people - students, teachers, administrators, custodians...

Be with them and help them as they begin a new year of learning, teaching, growing, and serving...

May their minds and their pencils be sharp; may their lunches never be forgotten at home; and may their Pink Pearl erasers help them to remember that mistakes are okay - in fact are the most important part of the process...

God, thank you for glue sticks and homework folders and laptops and crisp new notebooks waiting to be filled; thank you for schools and libraries and teachers; thank you for gift of curiosity and for your Wisdom that is all around...

God of Wisdom, bless these backpacks...

We pray this and everything in the name of your Son, who left his parents so he could sit and learn at the feet of those rabbis in the temple...

We pray this and everything in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Anthem

Larghetto

Marco Bordogni Trans. Rochut
Gabe Mueller, trombone

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2: 10-18

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Invitation

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Let us gather our gifts and offer them to God.

Offertory

Song of Dedication

Mendelssohn

+Doxology
Voices

We Lift Our

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering. We are an offering.**

Dedication

Let us pray...Dear God, for whom and through whom all things exist, you are the Sovereign of the universe! Yet you have named us among your beloved children and call us to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. May our offerings reach out to bring hope and grace to our near and distant neighbors, whom you know and love. We pray in the most excellent name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

+Benediction and Blessing

+Congregational Benediction 540
Friends!

Farewell, Good

**Farewell, good friends!
Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, Till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.**

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Blake