

Worship Outline

January 27, 2019

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Built on a Rock
Southbridge

Introit

O Worship the Lord
Porter

+Call to Worship (responsive)

With words used by many each week,
perhaps each day:
words of a prayer that has travelled centuries,
words of a prayer used across the world
in countless languages,
words which are a part of us,
we gather to say, learn and grow
from them today and always.

+Hymn 405
Ground

Praise God for This Holy

Unison Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we pray, on our collective exhale. Your prayer words are so familiar and treasured that we know them by heart. And yet, we do not pause to carefully lift these holy words to you. They roll off our tongues, gathering speed; faster they come with each phrase. So fast we no longer pause at the boldness of our prayer: forgive us our sins. How is it Lord that you still lean toward our voices and welcome our words, however they come to you, and offer us grace? Trusting in your promise we seek your forgiveness. Forgive us for taking your words for granted. Forgive us when we pray carelessly and with little thought. Forgive us when we cannot be bothered to teach these holy words to the child next to us. Forgive us when our prayers are not accompanied with action. Forgive us when our prayer can be the only prayer.

Silent Prayer

Response 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and by grace

we are invited to live a life of faith,

conforming our lives to Christ's life,

forgiving others as we have been forgiven.

The Peace of Christ (responsive)

Lead a life worthy of your calling -

with humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another in love,

and making every effort to maintain

the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All who come to this sanctuary are welcome companions on this day.

Please turn to those nearest you and greet them with words of peace.

+Gathering Song 669

Let's Sing unto the Lord

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.

Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.

God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans; and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,

Which shows our love and faith and hope of all creation.

Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness, and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

Help Us to Be Like Them

Besig

Chancel Choir

Martha Keeley, flute

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6: 7-21

Let us pray...

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God,
that these words might speak to us as your word,
and our lives bear witness to the good news
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves

break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 465
Jesus

What a Friend We Have in

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer

Eisenstein

Offering

Invitation

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
to bless God's church, God's people, God's creation.

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "Brocklesbury"

Blake

*Doxology 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above, ye heavenly host; praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, we bring you these gifts,
for you are generous to us
and we seek to return the generosity.
We confidently present them knowing that,
through the good stewardship of the church,
they will be used wisely to grow.
Your kingdom in this place and beyond.
Now may your Spirit sanctify these gifts,
and bring blessing through them. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 683

Lord of All Hopefulness

+Blessing and Charge

+Congregational Response 547 (verse 1)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

Postlude

Recessional
Baylor

