

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, May 19, 2024
10:30 AM Morning Service

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 96:4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 77:11-15

Minister: I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

People: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

Minister: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

People: You, with your arm, redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Unison: Come, let us praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration: "How Great Thou Art" (No. 44)

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I
wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
[Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
[Refrain]

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

We extol you, our God and King, and we will bless your name forever and ever. You are great and greatly to be praised; your greatness is unsearchable. May the glorious splendor of your majesty, your wondrous works, and your awesome deeds be our daily meditation. May our lips proclaim your greatness and abundant goodness; may we ever sing of your righteousness; may we make known to all the glorious splendor of your kingdom. For you, O Lord, are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are good to all, and your mercy is over all you have made. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen.

Based on Psalm 145:1-13

***Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism 4**

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

All: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Gloria (Tune: "Lauda Anima")**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: great Jehovah, Three in One!
Honor, power, glory, blessing while eternal ages run!**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 96

Minister: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation from day to day.

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Minister: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Minister: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

People: tremble before him, all the earth.

Minister: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

People: The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the people with equity.

Minister: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

People: let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Minister: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

***Hymn of Response: "O Lord Most High, with All My Heart" (No. 48, Tune: "As the Hart Longs")**

1 O Lord Most High, with all my heart
your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks
and sing the praises of your name.

2 The Lord, the everlasting King,
is seated on his judgment throne;
the righteous Judge of all the world
will make His perfect justice known.

3 Jehovah will a refuge prove,
a refuge strong for all oppressed,
a safe retreat, where weary souls
in troubled times may surely rest.

4 All they, O Lord, that know your name
their confidence in you will place,
for you have ne'er forsaken them
who earnestly have sought your face.

5 Sing praises to the Lord Most High,
to him who does in Zion dwell;
declare his mighty deeds abroad,
his deeds among the nations tell.

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, we pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries.

People: We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority, especially that they would resolve to protect the lives of the unborn and defenseless.

Minister: We pray for the world, especially that you would bring peace to people and nations devastated by war, disaster, disease, evil leaders, and false religions. We pray for our brothers and sisters in these places as they offer the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ amid great danger and opposition.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of you, Lord, fill the earth through them.

Minister: May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

(Psalm 116:1-2)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" (SH No. 17)

1 My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again. Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, And clothed me with His light, And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart.	3 My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above; Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose every thought is love. For every day I have on earth Is given by the King. So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow Him.
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2 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 10:34-42**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "Take Up Your Cross" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Praise: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" (SH No. 4, verses 1-3)**

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Fellowship Lunch

Everyone is invited to our annual Memorial Day cook-out on **May 26th**, after worship service. Hungry for some hot dogs and hamburgers? And how about some scrumptious salads and delectable desserts? We've got you covered. The Blanzoles will contribute the baked beans, and the Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and buns, condiments, veggie platter, and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring salads, coleslaw, deviled eggs, or dessert. Don't forget to sign up online at www.ctkvb.org or on the signup sheet provided in the narthex. Bring your friends and neighbors, but remember to sign up, including any visitors you might bring, so that the Fellowship Committee will know how to plan. Thank you.

➤ Midweek Study

Our midweek study of the Westminster Confession of Faith will begin on June 5. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for approximately sixteen weeks. This study is open to the entire church, including children according to the parents' desire. Materials will be provided. We will not, however, be providing a nursery.

➤ Volunteer Schedule

We'll be working on a new volunteer schedule for June-August. If you'd like to be added to the nursery, refreshments, or kitchen crew schedules, please talk to Susan Parsons. If you'd like to volunteer as a greeter or usher, please see Frank Wroblewski. And if you know you'll be out of town specific weeks during the summer, please let Minda Templeton (minda@ctkvb.org) know so that she can avoid scheduling during those times. Thank you!

➤ Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net Pregnancy Center of IRC

Fill a Bottle, Save a LIFE! Help Care Net share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. If you wish to participate, pick up a bottle in the church foyer, fill it up, and return it by Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day).

➤ Men's Fellowship Time

Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.