

Order of Service
October 31, 2021
Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Choral Introit

#192, "Shine, Jesus, Shine," vs. 1, 2

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 33]

Leader: Come to us even now, O Lord of Life, and fill this place with your presence!

People: We praise your name and rejoice in your love, we stand in utter amazement of who you are!

Leader: Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,

People: They will rejoice forever, because you are God!

Leader: Rejoice and give thanks!

People: Halleluiah! Amen!

Leader: Let us praise our Lord and Savior today.

Preparing for God's Word

Hymn of Adoration

#667, "When Morning Gilds the Skies," vs. 1, 2, 4

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer of Confession

[time of personal silent confession]

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is often hidden from us by our sins, and it is so easy for us to forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Lord, we ask that you would cleanse us from all our offenses, and that you would deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on John 3:16]

Leader: Hear the Good News. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

People: Although we fall short, through Christ we are forgiven. Let us hold tight to him and his Word.

Leader: Praise God.

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#274, "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggard by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15

11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance — now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Sermon

“Jesus is Greater... Redemption that Cuts Both Ways”

Responding to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

[Based on The Scots Confession, Chapter 9]

Leader: What do we believe about Christ's crucifixion?

People: Our Lord Jesus Christ offered Himself a voluntary sacrifice unto his Father for us; that He was wounded and plagued for our transgressions; that He being the clean and innocent Lamb of God, was condemned in the presence of an earthly judge, that we might be absolved before the tribunal seat of our God; that He suffered not only the cruel death of the cross (which was accursed by the sentence of God), but also that He suffered for a season the wrath of his Father, which sinners had deserved. But we also avow, that He remained the only and well-beloved and blessed Son of his Father, even in the midst of his anguish and torment, which He suffered in body and soul, to make the full satisfaction for the sins of his people.

Hymn of Response

#260, "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation,

Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee
To you from day to day
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
Here on earth bot priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast!

Prayers of the People
Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[various prayers]

Leader: God of grace and mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Anthem

"The Cause of Christ"

Resolved- West Coast Baptists

Benediction

Benediction Response

#543, "O Christ, Surround Me," vs. 1

God be the love to search and keep me

God be the prayer to move my voice

God be the strength to now uphold me

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Postlude