
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

*Gathering Songs: "Let There Be Praise" Burgundy 211
(*Please stand if you are able.) "Our God" Insert

*God Greet Us - We Greet Each Other

*Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Songs of Praise: "All the People Said Amen" Insert
"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

(1) Jesus draw me ever nearer (2) Jesus guide me through the tempest,
As I labor through the storm. Keep my spirit staid and sure.
You have called me to this passage, When the midnight meets the morning,
And I'll follow though I'm worn. Let me love You even more.

Chorus (3) May the treasures of the trial
May this journey bring a blessing, Form within me as I go.
May I rise on wings of faith. And at the end of this long passage,
And at the end of my heart's testing, Let me leave them at Your throne.
With Your likeness let me wake.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

The Fourth Commandment (Exodus 20:8-11):

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

The Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 103:

What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

**First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained,
and that, especially on the festive day of rest
I regularly attend the assembly of God's people
to learn what God's Word teaches,
to participate in the sacraments,
to pray to God publicly,
and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.
Second, that every day of my life
I rest from my evil ways,
let the Lord work in me through his Spirit,
and so begin already in this life
the eternal Sabbath.**

Offering Our Gifts: "All Who Are Thirsty"
Avery Street General Fund

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song: "Speak, O Lord" Insert

Prayer for Understanding Elder Toby Lewis

Children's Message Marg Christians
(Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Scripture:

Hebrews 10:19-25

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MESSAGE: "Church Matters (I): Why Gather?"

*Song of Response: "Forever Reign" Insert

Praying Together

GOING TO SERVE AS JESUS' OBEDIENT DISCIPLES

*God's Blessing of Grace and Peace

*Parting Song: "Let It Be Said of Us"

Let it be said of us that
The Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight,
That we finished the course
Knowing within us
The pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let it be said of us:
We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love,
And delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace,
Heeding unity's call;
Joined as one body
That Christ would be seen by all.

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Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

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Accompanist: Praise Team

If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.



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If you would like to learn more about the ministry of our church,
please check out our church's website:
www.ascrc.org

"Forever Reign"

(1) You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sin

(2) You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

Chorus
(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always
be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

(3) You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Bridge
My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus Jesus (REPEAT 4X)

"Our God"

Verse 1
Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Verse 2
Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Chorus
Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer,
Awesome in power, our God, our God.

Bridge
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?
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Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?
(Then) what could stand against?

"All The People Said Amen"

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
But thank God, it's all you need.

Chorus

And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all.

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God.

"Speak O Lord"

Verse 1

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 Your 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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

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.