

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 345 – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Form of Government 1.2

There is therefore but one King and Head of the church, the only Mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ, who rules in his church by his Word and Spirit. His mediatorial office includes all the offices in his church. It belongs to his majesty from his throne of glory not only to rule his church directly but also to use the ministry of men in ruling and teaching his church through his Word and Spirit, thus exercising through men his own authority and enforcing his own laws. The authority of all such ministerial office rests upon his appointment, who has ordained government in his church, revealed its nature to us in his Word, and promised his presence in the midst of his church as this government is exercised in his name.

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

Hymn 353 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Stanzas 1 & 4)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty Lord, we find great delight in your creation and the good things you have given us to enjoy, but we rarely spend time delighting in you. We tend to enjoy you when you give us what we want, but we become anxious, fretful, and angry when life is hard and you seem unwilling to rescue us from uncomfortable or painful circumstances. We spend many days haunted by guilty fears over the sins that we have committed, forgetting the wounds that will forever scar the hands of your Son, and that plead forgiveness for us every moment of every day. We fail to bear grief and shame patiently, because we forget that you alone are our stronghold in times of trouble, and you are working all things together for our good. Father, forgive us. Thank you for uniting us to Christ and for loving us in the very same way that you love him. Cause us to find overwhelming delight in the salvation you have given us through Christ. Stir our weak souls to arise and shake off the fearful guilt we cling to with stubborn pride. Open our eyes more and more to see our great High Priest, crushed for us, and now pleading for us before your throne. May we treasure his love and believe with all our hearts that nothing can separate us from it, not even the sin with which we continue to struggle. Give us such great confidence in the gospel that we run joyfully to you in the midst of our weakness, to hear your pardoning voice and feel the ardent and passionate embrace of our true Father. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10:19-23*

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION

Hymn 305 – Arise, My Soul, Arise (Stanza 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 20:17-35 Pew Bible Pg. 1182

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Followed by the Lord's Prayer ("Debts")

OFFERING and DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Old Hundredth L.M. (731)

Ordination and Installation of Kirk Gibbons as an Elder

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1 Timothy 3:1-7 *Pew Bible Pg. 1264*

The Church's Elders

Pastor James A. La Belle

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 348 – Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

BENEDICTION

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. *McKee CM (11:1,2)*