



September 13th, 2009
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

Please silence cell phones

**please stand*

Welcome

Jared Witt

Greeting

Lindsay Travis

Leader: The grace, mercy, and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

People: **And also with you**

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

**Liturgical
Definitions:**

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Liturgy

Liturgy is an order for public worship including singing, reading of scripture, and the Eucharist. The word liturgy means "the work of the people". Worship is something we do, not something to watch.

Call to Worship

The call to worship directs our attention to God and prepares us to praise God. Many weeks, we may come to the service with worries or concerns. The call to worship allows us to focus our attention on the nature of God, helping us to be less self-centered. In worship, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in our lives.

the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and dripping of the honeycomb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***Your Grace is Enough**

Great is your faithfulness oh God,
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

prechorus:

So remember your people, remember your children
Remember your promise, Oh God.

chorus:

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice God,
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation.
And nothing can keep us apart.

prechorus

chorus

Matt Maher, 2003

***O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name.

The name of Jesus calms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin;
He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

words by Charles Wesley, 1740

Prayer of Confession

During the prayer of confession, you are invited to kneel, as a sign of humility.

Jesus, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."
Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Jesus, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."
**Forgive us when we think we need to solve
our own problems.**

Jesus, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
**We confess that our lives are often consumed
by worry and anxiety.**

Jesus, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit."
Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Jesus, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."
We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Jesus, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."
**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

...Reminds us that we are not better than others and that we are in need of grace. It strikes a blow against pride and humbles us before God as we are honest about our brokenness.

Brent Storms

Silent Confession

Declaration of Grace

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven

Declaration of Grace
*Confession of sin would bring
only despair were it not for our
knowledge of God's forgiveness
and mercy. It is dangerous to
dwell on ourselves and our sin if
we do not also remember that
God delights in forgiving us.*

Gloria Patri

While saying this prayer, worshippers who wish may mark themselves with the Sign of the Cross ☩

All:

**Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, so it is now, and ever shall be; world without end.**

Alleluia, Amen.

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God Above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Chritie Lees Bancroft & Vikki Cook, 1997

Prayer of Community Life

Rhesa Storms

Prayer of Community Life

We bring before God our petitions and concerns, trusting in God's power to act in our lives, in our city, and in this world. We also pray, not just to get our way, but also to align our lives and desires with God's will.

Scripture Reading

Jonathan Williams

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Message

Jared Witt

I Will Sing A Song Of Mercy

I will sing a song of mercy;
Sing a song of justice;
Sing a song of praise to God.

I will live a life of mercy;
Live a life of justice,
Live a life of praise to God.

Words: Psalm 101 Music: William J. Doggett, 2001

Eucharist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

All:

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.

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and for ever. Amen

Leader: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We invite all believers who have been baptized to share in the Lord's Supper. You may come forward, and stand or kneel in front of the table as you receive the elements.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven (**Amen.**)

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation (**Amen.**)

Upon receiving communion, participants may make the Sign of the Cross ✠ as a mark of their faith in the redemptive work of Jesus.

Eucharist

One of the many terms for the Lord's Supper. It comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." Even as Jesus gave thanks when he instituted the Lord's Supper, so do we give thanks that in this holy meal our Lord gives us his body and blood for forgiveness and life.

Silence

Silence is increasingly rare in our culture. In worship, it is important to reflect, to enjoy God, to feel the weight of truth, and to focus on the presence of the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. As a prayer, the Lord's Prayer is similar to Jewish prayers. It begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

Offering

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength (2x)

With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And with all my strength (2x)

Lincoln Brewster, 2005

Announcements

Jonathan Williams

***Call to Service-** *from Ephesians 4:1-6*

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness.

***Benediction-** *from Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
So that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Offering

Where we give our money is often an indication of where our priorities lie. We give to God to further ministries throughout our neighborhood, city, and the world.

COMING UP:

After the service, stick around for refreshments in the community room

Beginning September 27th, Incarnation meets weekly at 5:00

Groups coming up:

- Movie night on Monday the 14th
- Simple Feast meets on Tuesday the 15th at 6:00 in the community room
- Book group meets Monday the 28th at 7:00

Get involved at Incarnation! Talk to Jonathan, Jared or Rhesa to find out ways to serve: we need volunteers to set up/tear down, help with audio equipment (don't worry: we will train you!), and serve with the greeting and hospitality teams.

