

Creation Sings the Father's Song

Creation sings the Father's song;
he calls the sun to wake the dawn
and run the course of day
till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,
his breath upon this spinning globe,
he charts the eagle's flight;
commands the newborn baby's cry.

Chorus

Hallelujah!

*Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!"*

*Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon his face;
the Ageless One in time's embrace
unveiled the Father's plan
of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
whose blameless life would break the curse,
whose death would set us free
to live with him eternally.

Chorus

Creation longs for his return,
when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
the bitter wars that rage
are birth pains of a coming age.
When he renews the land and sky,
all heav'n will sing and earth reply
with one resplendent theme:
the glories of our God and King!

Chorus (x 2)

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 1:18

PASTOR: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD:
"though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to proclaim your gospel. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

In these moments,

*we individually come to God in prayer,
silently confessing personal sins so that we may take
hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD *Romans 5:6-8*

PASTOR: *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas, and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I?
Was it for sins that I had done
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree

Chorus

*My God, why would you shed your blood,
so pure and undefiled,
to make a sinful one like me
your chosen, precious child?*

Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for man, the creature's, sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.

Chorus (x 2)

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

*(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY

Lynna Harbison

* PRAISING OUR GOD

Doxology (Hymn 731)

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. Amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

God of Grace and God of Glory

¹ God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

² Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have
bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

³ Cure your children's warring
madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

⁴ Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

* SCRIPTURE READING

*Elder Tony Anthony
Page 972 in the pew Bible*

Galatians 1:15-16

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

"The Great Truth"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 55 (vv. 1-3)

To God Be the Glory

* BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who
calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Brian Peacock

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

* Congregation Please Stand

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

