

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *Zech. 4:8-10a; Heb. 11:24-26*

PASTOR: Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.”

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, forgive us for following the priorities of our world.
We are easily impressed with the world’s success, power, and influence.
We are easily embarrassed by the small work of your church.
Forgive us for the ways we seek worldly power and influence rather than your kingdom.**

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 *1 Cor. 1:27-31*

PASTOR: But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

* HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymn 165 (vv 1-4)*

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE *Pastor David Rogers*

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

◆ OFFERTORY **“Seek the Lord (Is. 55:6-7)”** *Choir*
—Music by John Carter—

* 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*

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray, “Your kingdom come.”

Chorus

*Let your kingdom come,
let your will be done,
so that ev’ryone might know your name.
Let your song be heard
ev’rywhere on earth,
till your sov’reign work on earth is done.*

Let your kingdom come!

Give us your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as you want, whatever the test.
By grace we’ll preach your gospel till our dying breath.

Chorus (x 2)

Let your kingdom come!

* SCRIPTURE READING *Elder David Hitt
Page 839 in the pew Bible*

Mark 4:30-32

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

APPLYING GOD’S WORD *Rev. Andrew Cies*

“The Extraordinary Growth of God’s Kingdom”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S SUPPER *(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Ensemble & Congregation*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven’s praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father’s plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory:
grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry:
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv’rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

* BENEDICTION *Jude 1:24-25*

PASTOR: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Hana Do*

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.*

