

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Meditation on *Veni Creator Spiritus* David Lasky
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27; John 4:23) Brian Calfano
One: Let us worship God, our light, and our salvation.
All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
One: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.
All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.
One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

Prelude Concerto in G, mvt. i, op. 7 Antonio Vivaldi
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Hymn #67** Fairest Lord Jesus

*Invocation

***Prayer of Confession:** Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18
All: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 5:1

One: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. And in this peace we know that our sin today is forgiven! This is the Good News.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

Worthy, You are Worthy

Don Moen/Mary McDonald

Covenant Choir

Worthy, you are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, you are worthy.

Worthy, you are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.

Holy, you are holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, you are holy.

Holy, you are holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Jesus, you are Jesus, Holy, you are holy! Worthy, you are worthy!

King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

I Come to Thee

George Graff Jr./Carol Roma

Jordan Krack, Baritone

I come to thee at last, O Lord, for rest, with wasted years,
with heart and mind oppressed;
And now thy promise is to me so sweet,
that I shall find forgiveness at thy feet.

My day that seemed to break so bright and clear,
brought only darkness, now the night draws near;
The evening hours alone are left to me, such as they are, I consecrate to thee.

Seeing thy light, Lord, I had turned away, but oh! The need I have of thee today!
With contrite heart, lowly on bended knee, begging forgiveness, Lord, I come to thee.

***Doxology #572**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church.****Prayer of Dedication****Scripture Lesson**

John 20:19-20

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Pew Bible Page 769 Large Print Bible 1686

*One: This is God's Word for God's People.***All: Thanks be to God.****Sermon**

Be at Peace

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.

The Invitation**The Thanksgiving****The Words of Institution****The Communion**

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

The Prayer of Blessing

***Apostles Creed**

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #137**

What Wondrous Love is This

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on *Wondrous Love*

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.

Looking Ahead — Sunday, May 8

In the weeks ahead we will be examining the teachings of Jesus that prepared the disciples for his death as well as some that he taught after his resurrection. Next Sunday's sermon text is one of those post-resurrection experiences that frame Jesus' reminder that we are called to share the good news of Jesus with all the world, every people group (Matthew 28:18-20).

Mother's Day — Sunday, May 8

Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day. We would like to celebrate the women and girls of Covenant-First. We are encouraging all women to wear a fancy or festive hat. We will have the women of all ages gather on the front steps of the church to get an official photo. CFPC families, make sure to bring your favorite ladies to church on Sunday, May 8 for this fun celebration. Questions? See René McPhedran or contact her at renemcp@fuse.net.

67 Fairest Lord Jesus

Thou art fairer than the children of men . . . Psa. 45:2

Gesangbuch. Münster, 1677
Trans. anonymous, 1850
St. 4. trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5 6 8 5 5 8

H. A. Hoffmann von Fallersleben's
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
Arr. by Richard S. Willis, 1850

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine! A - men.

137 What Wondrous Love Is This

What manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us . . . 1 John 3:1

WONDRIOUS LOVE 12 9 12 9

Southern Harmony, 1835

American folk hymn

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
Lamb, who is the great "I Am," While mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 1

8:45 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship
11:30 AM — Neighborhood Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Wednesday, May 4

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Thursday, May 5

12 PM — National Day of Prayer gathering on the Hamilton County Courthouse steps

Saturday, May 7

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Sunday, May 8 — Mother's Day

8:45 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship
11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

Monday, May 9

6:30 PM — Session meeting in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 11

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, May 14

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Neighborhood Fellowship Outside Today

Many of you have asked, "Why do we have fellowship outside? We aren't in the business of marketing, so why do we have to try to sell our church to the neighbors?" I would like to suggest that this statement is exactly correct. We are NOT in the retail business. We are not trying to sell anything. We are instead in the "re-tell" business, the business of sharing Christ's message to our neighbors and ultimately to the world. We have an amazing congregation that loves Jesus and the Holy Spirit is present within us and at our worship and fellowship times. So let's all take delight in sharing the joy that we receive through Christ with our neighbors, or anyone walking past our church. Let our light shine for Christ to others in our neighborhood and invite them into our community of worship and faith in Christ.

— Genita