

April 18, 2021 - Order of Worship

Meditation: Psalm 89:1-2 ESV
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7a ESV

- * Song: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down* (SFW 10)
- * Song: *Here I Am to Worship*
- * Opening Prayer

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* (TH 98)
Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:15-23
Hymn: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (TH 32)

Congregational Prayer: Richard Neff, Elder
* Hymn: *We Are God's People* (TH 355)

Sermon Passage: Matthew 5:33-37 ESV
Sermon Series: *Kingdom Living: Radical Honesty*
Pastor Jeff Landis

- * Hymn: *O for a Thousand Tongues* (James Ward version)
- * Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Lord's Blessing
Closing Hymn: *Doxology* (TH 731)

Meditation: Psalm 89:1-2 ESV
"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD,
forever; with my mouth
I will make known your faithfulness
to all generations. For I said,
'Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.'"

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7a ESV
"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand."

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down SFW 10

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture.
And the sheep of his hand,
just the sheep of his hand.

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture.
And the sheep of his hand,
just the sheep of his hand.

Here I Am to Worship

1. Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made
this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus:

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
to the earth you created;
all for love's sake became poor.
[Chorus]

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
[Chorus]

Now Thank We all Our God TH 98

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven –
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:15-23

¹⁵ He has filled me with bitterness;
he has sated me with wormwood.
¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸ so I say, "My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the LORD."
¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!
²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.
²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Great is Thy Faithfulness TH 32

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Congregational Prayer: Richard Neff, Elder

Praise the Lord that Danny Olinger, General Secretary of Christian Education for the OPC, has been able to go home to continue his recovery from Covid-19. He still requires oxygen in order to do most things. Pray that his lungs will heal and he will experience a full recovery.

Pray for Sarah and David as they make preparations for their wedding in August.

Pray that the Lord would bring the ongoing violence and gun deaths in America under control and that justice and righteousness would prevail.

Pray that the Lord would send us rain yet this spring.

Praise the Lord with Pastor Micah Bickford and the OPC mission work in Farmington, Maine, that they are holding their first membership class! Pray that the Lord would give them the joy of seeing many come to profess faith and join Grace Reformed church.

We Are God's People TH 355

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return
the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

3. We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall his work on earth be done.

4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Sermon Passage: Matthew 5:33-37 ESV

³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

**Sermon Series: Kingdom Living -
Radical Honesty**
Pastor Jeff Landis
Matthew 5:33-37

Introduction

I. Biblical Teaching on Oaths

A. Oath v. vow

B. Oaths are an act of worship

C. Examples from Scripture of oath taking

II. Jewish Misuse of Oaths

A. System of binding and nonbonding oaths

B. All oaths are binding and should be fulfilled

III. Christ's Remedy

A. V. 37 is the main focus of the text

B. Concept of truth is central to the gospel and Christian life

C. Guiding principles

O For a Thousand

O 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!

Chorus

O for a thousand! O for a thousand!
O for a thousand tongues to sing.

The name of Jesus charms our fears,
it bids our sorrows cease,
it's music in the sinner's ears;
it's life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me. [Chorus]

He speaks and list'ning to His voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear Him you deaf, you voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, you lame, for joy! [Chorus]

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. Amen.