



Order of Worship

May 5, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
and he shall reign forever and ever."*

Revelation 11:15

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is 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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Song of Praise

O For A Thousand Tongues

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.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis 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 availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

*Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you are rich in grace and mercy to all who call on your name, and we come to you this morning humbly confessing our sins and transgressions. We earnestly seek your mercy and implore your forgiveness. We have broken your laws in our actions, our attitudes and in the sinful affections of our hearts. We have done things we know we shouldn't and not done things we know we should. We confess to you our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness;

our failures and shortcomings towards you and towards our neighbor. Heavenly Father, forgive us. And in your goodness and by the power of your Spirit, grant that we may serve and please you in the newness of life from this day forward. Give us the joy of our salvation, we pray, in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

***Song of Praise**

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heav'n thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear.
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hard'ning power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within.

Chorus

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord,
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's pow'r,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace. (*Chorus*)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay. (*Chorus 2x*)

Hearing God's Word

Matthew 24:3-31

Prayers of the People

***Offering our Gifts**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
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Let the Little Children Come

(Children Pre-K through first grade may exit for Ambassador Kids)

Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Message from God's Word

Warren Harvey

"What Must Happen Before Christ Appears?"

*Song of Praise

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;

Bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! We would love to get to know you better. Please scan this code and fill out any information you would like to share with us.



- Today, May 5th - **Sunday Night Light at the Park!** Join us at Apex Community Park at 5:30 p.m. for our last SNL of the spring. Menu: Walking Tacos
- Sunday, May 19 - **Last Day of Foundations until the fall.** This will be a special wrap up class with a light breakfast provided.
- June 17-21 - **Vacation Bible School!** This year's theme for our lively marketplace VBS is *Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid*. We need volunteers! Please see the Weekly Messenger to sign up or contact Rachel at rkennedy@ambassadorpres.org.

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