



Worshipping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church.

All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Randy Mayfield

Themes and keywords: humble/humility, glory

Prelude

Durch Adams Fall, BWV 637

Bach/Busoni

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from John 1:29; Philippians 2:8-9; Revelation 5:13

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

All: *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

Liturgist: He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

All: *Therefore, God has highly exalted him.*

Liturgist: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

All: *Amen!*

We praise God

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymnal #8

Text: Joachim Neander
translated by Catherine Winkworth
Tune: *Stralsund Gesangbuch* 1665

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!*

He died for us that we might live for him.

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God calls us to confess our sin

from Mark 8:34; James 4:10

Liturgist: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross
and follow me." Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Our Servant-King,
you did not withhold yourself from us
by counting equality with God the Father a thing to be grasped.

**All: *But we often think too highly of our position,
and we are eager to be served rather than to serve.***

Liturgist: You emptied yourself of glory
and stooped to take the form of a servant.

**All: *But we often exalt ourselves
and refuse to serve in a humble place.***

Liturgist: You humbled yourself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

**All: *But we often cling fearfully to our way of life,
and refuse to deny ourselves in order to choose joy in Christ
and to lay down our lives in order to serve others like Christ.
Lord, have mercy on us.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we will have the humble mind of
Christ and grow more and more into his image and likeness as humble servants of all.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from 1 Peter 2:24

Liturgist: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift.
In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you,
and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

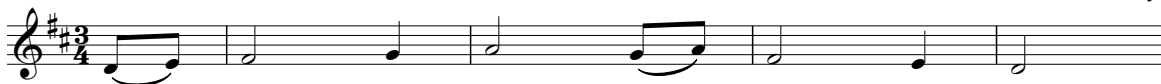
All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

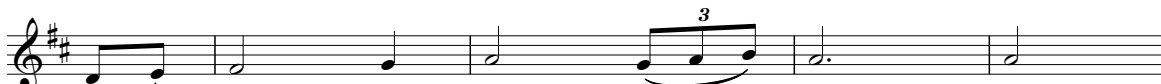
Psalm 23 (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

Text: H. W. Baker 1868

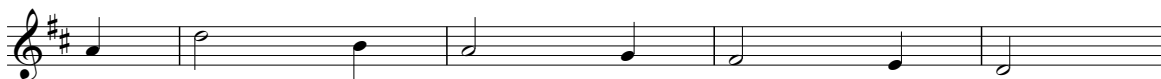
Tune: Traditional Irish melody



1. The King of love my shep - herd is,
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow,
3. Con - fused and fool - ish, oft I strayed,
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight;
6. And so through all the length of days,



whose good - ness fails me nev - er.
my Sav - ior gent - ly leads me,
but yet in love you sought me;
with you, dear Lord, be - side me;
your gifts of grace be - stow - ing;
your good - ness fails me nev - er;



I want for noth - ing! I am his,
and where the ver - dant pas - tures grow,
and on your shoul - der gent - ly laid,
your rod and staff my com - fort still,
with pro - mise of a - bun - dant life
Good Shep - herd, may I sing your praise



and he is mine for - ev - er.
with food from heav - en feeds me.
and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
your cross be - fore - to guide me.
my cup is ov - er - flow - ing.
with - in your house for - ev - er.

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At the Name of Jesus

Chancel Choir

Text: Caroline M. Noel
Music: R. Vaughan Williams

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came.
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last;
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him, with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath.
He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign,
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again
with his Father's glory, with his angel train,
for all the wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our heart confess him King of glory now.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

(Children may go to
children's worship)

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God instructs us in scripture reading

Philippians 2:5-11
(pew Bible pp. 980-981)

God instructs us in preaching

“Stooping for Exaltation”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymnal #185

Text: Isaac Watts 1707
Tune: arr. Lowell Mason 1824

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

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.*

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God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers continued on page 6.

Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

We praise God

Behold the Lamb

Text and tune: Keith & Kristyn Getty,
& Stuart Townend; © 2006 Thankyou Music



1. Be - hold the lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re-mem-ber
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re-mem-ber;
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re-mem-ber
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond - and to re-mem-ber



the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we
he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his bod - y here on earth. So we



share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
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share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the king.
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the king.
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the king.
join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the king.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

This Is My Father's World

Text: Maltbie B. Babcock 1901
Tune: Traditional English melody

This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems
oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not
done. Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the Hanley Road entrance, on the table outside the Choir Room, and online at www.centralpres.com on the "Sunday @ Central" page under "Resources."

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