



Order of Worship

July 29th, 2018



Swiss Sunday
(Bundesfeiertag Service)

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LITURGY

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Swiss Sunday

PRELUDE

“Swiss Psalm (Schweizer Landeshymne)”

WELCOME

+ PRAYER OF APPROACH

a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli

Pastor: Allmächtiger, ewiger und barmherziger Gott, dessen Wort eine Leuchte ist für unsere Füße und ein Licht auf unseren Wegen, öffne und erleuchte unsere Herzen, auf dass wir deine Worte lauter und rein verstehen und uns umwandeln lassen zu dem, was wir richtig verstanden haben, durch Jesus Christus, unser Erlöser. Amen.

ALL: Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may understand Your Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing to Your majesty. Through Jesus Christ, our sure Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

† SONG OF APPROACH

"I Greet Thee"

words by John Calvin 1545, music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Our hope is in no oth - er save in Thee;

My on - ly Trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
 And all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 Our faith is built up - on Thy prom - ise free;

Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 Sus - tain us by Thy faith and by Thy pow'r,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
 And give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 That in Thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure. A - men.

WELCOME

† PRAYER OF ADORATION / THE LORD'S PRAYER

(German and English)

The people join hands

ALL: Vater unser im Himmel

Geheiligt werde dein Name.

Dein Reich komme.

Dein Wille geschehe,

wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.

Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,

wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,

sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich

und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit

in Ewigkeit.

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

† SONG OF ADORATION

“You Are My All In All”

words and music by Dennis Jernigan, 1991

You are my strength when I am weak
 You are the treasure that I seek
 You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Worthy is Your name!
 Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Worthy is Your name!*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
 Rising again I bless Your name
 You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up
 When I am dry You fill my cup
 You are my all in all

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Worthy is Your name!
 Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Worthy is Your name!*

† CONFESSION OF SIN

a prayer by Leo Juda

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we commit ourselves entirely to You, on Whose mercy and love we depend alone, and Whose eternal truth we trust entirely. Therefore, in thanks for Your grace, mercy, and steadfast love, we confess our sins before You saying.....

ALL: Gracious Lord, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not always had within us the mind of Christ, and we have lived as if we know Him not. Lord, forgive us and free us from the power of sin, and renew in us Your grace and strength that we might live with trust in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Confess in silence)

† SONG OF CONFESSION

“God Loves Me Dearly”

words by August Rische, 19th Century; music by Unknown

Gott ist die Liebe, Lässt mich erlösen:
 Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.
 Drum sag ich noch einmal: Gott is die Liebe!
 Gott ist die Liebe! Er liebt auch mich!

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation.
 God loves me dearly, loves even me.
*Therefore, I'll say again, “God loves me dearly!
 God loves me dearly! Loves even me!”*

† CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

an assurance from Geneva

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, hear this promise from the Word of God:
If we confess our sins, Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Therefore, in light of this sure promise, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!
Thanks be to God!**

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**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 Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead;
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The word catholic means “universal” (not the Church of Rome)*

+ PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

+ SONG OF PEACE

“In Christ Alone”

words by Stuart Townend, 2001; music by Keith Getty, 2001

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.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every 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 power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home—
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 12:1-9 (ESV)

Nathan Rebukes David

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the second book of Kings:

¹ Then the LORD sent Nathan (the prophet) to David, and he went to him and said, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the

LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your own."

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:25-35 (ESV)

I Am the Bread Of Life

Pastor: And now friends, a reading from the Gospel of John.

Listen and hear the Word of God:

²⁵ When the crowds that Jesus fed with the fish and loaves had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" ²⁶ Then Jesus answered them, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.** ²⁷ **Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.**" ²⁸ Then they said to Him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹ And Jesus answered them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.**" ³⁰ So they said to Him, "Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform?" ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.** ³³ **For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.**" ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ And Jesus answered them, "**I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.**"

Pastor: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The offering is a way for those in our community to support its mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

† DOXOLOGY

words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† INVITATION TO THE FEAST (Eucharist) AND SANCTUS

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should
(Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

† SANCTUS

words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!
God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again.”

In the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, “Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”

Gracious Father, we thank you for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

All Souls Protestant Church welcomes all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Altar and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

words by Julia H. Johnston, 1911; music by Daniel B. Towner, 1910 (Indelible Grace)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

[CHORUS]

Grace, grace, God's grace

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within

Grace, grace, God's grace

Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

[CHORUS]

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Whiter than snow you may be today.

[CHORUS]

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

[CHORUS]

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us pray with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying, Lord in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious God, You have called us together to follow Your Son as faithful disciples, and to show the world that He is the bread of life. May we always be faithful in repentance, belief, and declaring Your Kingdom, and may you bless our brothers and sisters in all the *Churches of Switzerland* (Landeskirchen and Freikirchen) who are striving to do the same. Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Creator God, You made all things and called them good. May the earth You have made be treasured and cared for by all people, as You treasure and care for it. May its resources be used wisely and its fragile balance between life and death respected. Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal Ruler, in Your mighty realm the nations rise and fall.

Hear our prayers for our Elders, Synod, and Kirchenrat, and the Bundesrat and all governments around the world. We pray especially for the leaders of every nation in conflict as they further work for the peace of their peoples. May all who lead, in Church and State, learn wisdom and truth, establish justice and mercy, and seek the way that leads to peace. Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty and Merciful God, we thank You for Your grace at the Table of Jesus; to Him be the glory forever and ever. And we thank You that through Him we know Your grace and holy name. Father, may we never cease to proclaim Your goodness until all things are restored in world without end. And may our souls never cease to shine with light; Your light of love that brings us joy. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

† SONG OF SENDING

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

words by Clarence Walworth, 1853; music by Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train joins Your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore You; all on earth Your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name You, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low. And from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, and a - dor - ing

vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we praise the mys - ter - y.

† **BENEDICTION****Aaronic Blessing**

Pastor: Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!

Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir

Und sei dir gnädig!

Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich

Und gebe dir Frieden!

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

And may the Lord lift up the light of His countenance
upon you, and give You His peace.

† **CONGREGATIONAL AMEN****Threefold (Danish) Amen**

A - men. A - men. A - men.

POSTLUDE “I Want To Walk With Jesus Christ (Es Burebuebli)”