

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 20, 2009

9:30 AM

## Approaching God

WELCOME

Dr. Alan Landes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Enter His Gates*  
Chancel Choir

R. Clatterbuck

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Laesser, elder

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord God from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

**People: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.**

Leader: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**People: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
vs1

Hymnal, No. 66

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed;  
we bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**

vs2

**He by himself hath sworn, we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend;  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.**

vs3

**The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."**

vs4

**The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Alan Landes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debbie Handkins

Children: May the Lord bless you as you worship Him...

**People: and may the Lord bless you as you learn to follow him.**

## Confessing Sin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Denise Pass

Pastor: Eternal God, you have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

**People: But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be.**

Pastor: We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless.

**People: Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance.**

Pastor: Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want.

**People: Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ.**

SILENT CONFESSION *(Use this time for your personal confession as the Holy Spirit leads you.)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(unison)* **By faith I have a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation. Praise God!**

\*SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

### **Telling Truth**

SCRIPTURE

I Chronicles 29:1-13

SERMON

***Who's the First to Step Up?***

Dr. Alan Landes

SONG OF RESPONSE

***Shout to the Lord***

D. Zschech

*(congregation join as directed)*

***My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love;  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.***

***Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.***

### **Responding to God**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

*(Please pass the Fellowship Pad to record your presence with us.)*

OFFERTORY

***"The Race"***

Video Presentation

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Denise Pass

### **Going into the World**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

Hymnal, No. 317

***Vs1***

***All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.***

**Vs2**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**Vs3**

**O enter then this gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.**

**Vs4**

**For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

Dr. Alan Landes

\*POSTLUDE

Teri McKibben, organ

\* *Congregation standing for those who are able*