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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM HEBREWS 4:14 AND REVELATION 5:10, 12

- › Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand— with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
- » **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven— Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**
- › Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- » **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

"PSALM 131"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE | FROM LAMENTATIONS 3:22–24

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

GREETING OF PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

OFFERTORY | “IF YE LOVE ME”

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever,
Ev’n the spirit of truth.

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 1:21–45

SERMON | “THE WAY OF JESUS: JESUS FORGIVES” (COREY WIDMER)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **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, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come
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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › Lift up your hearts!
- » **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- › Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- » **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy.
God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.
By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**
- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**
- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**

- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you, both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:
- » ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

- › “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

FOR OUR GUESTS

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It’s one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, 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 acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

"IS HE WORTHY?"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

» **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 for ever. Amen.**

"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" 772

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20

- › If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!
- » **All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:**
- › That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
- » **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER NEEDS

FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please be praying for Young Life as they introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith throughout the Richmond metro area. Be praying for Tiont Williams as he leads a growing ministry to teenagers at John Marshall and George Wythe High Schools.

FOR OUR CITY

Please be praying for the coming of God's realm in metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions; to earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city; to express compassion and care for our natural environment.

FOR HEALTH

Margie Satterfield, Lee Zulauf, Jessica (Arroyo) and Josh Gamble, Beatrice White, Bill Edwards, Nan Clarke, Evi Burgin, Dabney Harvey, Linda Ludlow, Evelyn Jennings, Susan Higgins, Bette Phillips, Elaine Turner, Stephanie Brooks, Heather Moret, Liz Slate, Tom Morgan, Christie Geraty

FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS

Kathi Johnson (sister, 1/10); Linda Hobgood, Laura Perkins, Jenny Connors, Emily Schindler, Sally Tate (mother and grandmother, Jinny Bartlett, 1/8); Paula Harrison (father, 1/5); Scott Ziegler (brother, 12/27); Margarete, Nick and Trina Jeffer (mother and grandmother, 12/17); Karen Perry (father, 11/23); Ellen Armstrong (brother-in-law, 11/15); Melissa Lincoln (husband, Abe, 11/12); Mary Cox (husband, Gene, 11/9); Rene Shouse (brother, 11/7); Agnes Smith (sister, 10/1)

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

McKenna Ballard 12/7
Elliot Pendleton "Penn" Cave, Jr 10/27
Holland Joy Henry. 10/10
Levi Elliot Sawyer. 8/24
Samuel Sainz Bond 8/15
Clara Garland Patrick 7/23
Emery Ann Anthony 7/8
Sophie Moon Babcock 7/8

DEATHS

Jinny Bartlett 1/8
Abe Lincoln. 11/12
Gene Cox. 11/9
Gloria Price 9/24
Jackie Cozens 9/21
Ruth Anne Blakely 9/18
Betty Wingo 9/17
John Fitch 9/14

NEWS & EVENTS

FEBRUARY TERM: "LIFE TOGETHER"

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Join this all-church class in the Fellowship Hall as we study Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*. Our focus is the importance of Christian community for the life of discipleship.



BARNABAS TRAINING BASIC

February 12, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This interactive and informative workshop from The Barnabas Center will help you to learn how to encourage friends and loved ones facing difficult times in life and faith.



SERVE WITH CARITAS

Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Roll up your sleeves and help serve our local mission partner CARITAS. We will need many volunteers to gather and serve in different capacities at their furniture warehouse for a few hours.



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