

Hymn and Order of Worship – May 3, 2020

Organ Prelude: "I stand all amazed" Don Shelley, organist

Welcome: Pastor Jeff Blevins

Apostles' Creed in unison:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten 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 in hell;
 The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven
 and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
 From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 And life everlasting. Amen!

Lord's Prayer in unison

Hymn: "I've Found a Friend" [James Small, GC Stebbins. Public Domain.]

1. I've found a friend, O such a Friend! He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love, and thus He bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely twine those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His and He is mine, forever and forever.

2. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He bled, He died to save me:
And not alone the gift of life, but His own self He gave me.
Naught that I have my own I call, I hold it for the Giver:
My heart, my strength, my life, my all are His and His forever.

3. I've found a Friend, O Such a Friend! All power to Him is given
To guard me on my onward course and bring me safe to heaven.
The eternal glories gleam afar to nerve my faint endeavor:
So now to watch, to work, to war, and then to rest forever.

4. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! So kind and true and tender,
So wise a Counselor and Guide, so might a Defender!
From Him who loves me now so well, what power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death or earth or hell? No – I am His forever.

Hymn: "Lead on O King Eternal" [EW Shurtleff, Henry Smart. CCLI# 11537217]

1. Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come!
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home;
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing nor roll of stirring drums –
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow not with fears!
For gladness breaks like morning where e're Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us – we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest – Lead on, O God of might.

Responsive Reading: Genesis 1.26-31; Psalm 139-13-17; Jeremiah 1.4-6

Genesis 1:26-31 New Living Translation (NLT)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

**²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.**

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all

the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened.

³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

Psalm 139:13-17 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.**

¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

**¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.**

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!

Jeremiah 1:4-5 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴ The LORD gave me this message:

**⁵ “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb.
Before you were born I set you apart
and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”**

Response: “Gloria Patri”

Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen!

Message “When Did God Become Involved in Our Lives?” (Psalm 139.13-17)
– Pastor Jeff Blevins

Response: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Closing thoughts and prayer – Pastor Blevins

Benediction (singing together)