

Hymn and Order of Worship – May 3, 2020

Organ Prelude: “Beautiful Savior” 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: “Ancient of Days” [Wm C Doane, J.A. Jeffrey Public Domain.]

1. Ancient of Days, who sittest throned in glory,
To Thee all knees are bent, all voices pray;
Thy love hast blest the wide world’s wondrous story
With light and life since Eden’s dawning day.

2. O Holy Father, who has led Thy children
In all the ages, with the fire and cloud,
Thru seas dry-shod, thru weary wastes bewild’ring:
To Thee, in rev’rent love, our hearts are bowed.

3. O Holy Jesus, Prince of Peace and Savior,
To Thee we owe the peace that still prevails,
Stillling the rude wills of men’s wild behavior,
And calming passion’s fierce and stormy gales.

4. O Holy Ghost, the Lord and the Life-giver,
Thine is the quick'ning pow'r that gives increase;
From Thee have flowed as from a pleasant river,
Our plenty, wealth, prosperity and peace.

5. O Triune God, with heart and voice adoring,
Praise we the goodness that doth crown our days;
Pray we that Thou wilt hear us, still imploring
Thy love and favor, kept to us always.

Hymn: "I sing the mighty power of God" [Isaac Watts, Public Domain.]

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Responsive Reading: Genesis 1.1-31

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

⁶ Then God said, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.” ⁷ And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. ⁸ God called the space “sky.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.

⁹ Then God said, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.” And that is what happened. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land” and the waters “seas.” And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.” And that is what happened. ¹² The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

¹⁴ Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵ Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” ²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings^(b) 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.

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 "Who is God?" [Selected Scripture] – 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 looking ahead – Pastor Blevins

Benediction (singing together)