

10am Sunday Morning Service O2T2

10 November 2024 – Self Control

Welcome (Lead Nat, Music Wayne)

Call to Worship

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts let us worship God.

Song: Come, now is the time to Worship

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God, Come

One day every tongue

Will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now

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Song: Worthy is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross, Lord

Thank you for the price You paid

Bearing all my sin and shame in love You came

And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord

Thank you for the nail pierced hands

Washed me in Your cleansing flow

Now all I know

Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified.....
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Multi-age (Nat)

Prayer for Children (Nat)

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 26 (Christine)

26 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “David is in hiding on the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon.”^[a] **2** So Saul rose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. **3** Saul encamped on the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon,^[b] beside the road. But David remained in the wilderness. When he learned that Saul had come after him into the wilderness, **4** David sent out spies and learned that Saul had indeed arrived. **5** Then David set out and came to the place where Saul had encamped, and David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner son of Ner, the commander of his army. Saul was lying within the encampment, while the army was encamped around him.

6 Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Joab’s brother Abishai son of Zeruiah, “Who will go down with me into the camp to Saul?” Abishai said, “I will go down with you.” **7** So David and Abishai went to the army by night; there Saul lay sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him. **8** Abishai said to David, “God has given your enemy into your hand today; now, therefore, let me pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear; I will not strike him twice.” **9** But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him, for who can raise his hand against the LORD’s anointed and be guiltless?” **10** David said, “As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike him down, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. **11** The LORD forbid that I should raise my hand against the LORD’s anointed, but now take the spear that is at his head and the water jar, and let us go.” **12** So David took the spear that was at Saul’s head and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it or knew it, nor did anyone awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other side and stood on top of a hill far away, with a great distance between them. **14** David called to the army and to Abner son of Ner, saying, “Abner! Will you not answer?” Then Abner replied, “Who are you who calls to the king?” **15** David said to Abner, “Are you not a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy

your lord the king. ¹⁶ This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, you deserve to die because you have not kept watch over your lord, the LORD's anointed. See now, where is the king's spear or the water jar that was at his head?"

¹⁷ Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." ¹⁸ And he added, "Why does my lord pursue his servant? For what have I done? What guilt is on my hands? ¹⁹ Now, therefore, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is the LORD who has stirred you up against me, may he accept an offering, but if it is mortals, may they be cursed before the LORD, for they have driven me out today from my share in the heritage of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' ²⁰ Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the LORD, for the king of Israel has come out to seek a single flea, like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains."

²¹ Then Saul said, "I have done wrong; come back, my son David, for I will never harm you again, because my life was precious in your sight today; I have been a fool and have made a great mistake." ²² David replied, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it. ²³ The LORD rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, but I would not raise my hand against the LORD's anointed. ²⁴ As your life was precious today in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the LORD, and may he rescue me from all tribulation." ²⁵ Then Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

Message (Julia)

Offering Song: May the Mind of Christ

May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling
all I do and say, all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,

so that all may see I triumph
only through His power, only through His power

May the peace of God my Father, rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory, this is victory

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus,
as I onward go, as I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
seeing only Him, seeing only Him

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Thanks for the Offering

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

The Confession

**Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have broken your holy laws
And have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,
Forgiving all who humbly repent
And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord
God therefore forgives us in Christ Jesus,
In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and our World (Nat)

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Ron with Christine & Nat)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son, and life giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.
At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and
splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way.

While at the table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take eat; this is my body'.

He took the cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, Which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me'.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who may eat or drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom, with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us
With the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be
strengthened in your service.
We who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
See you face to face in your kingdom
And come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

Song: Send Us Out

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to shine your light in the way we live.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
as we've received, may we freely give

**Send us out, send us out, send us out for your glory.
Let all we do be praise to you; send us out for your glory**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to show your love everywhere we go.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

We're laying down our lives, a living sacrifice,
we're living for your glory and your praise.
We're taking up our cross, we've counted up the cost,
we're living for your glory and your praise.

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Blessing (Ron)