

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, February 21, 2010

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## *Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements (Register Attendance)*

## *Meditation*

Romans 8:18

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

## APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

**Greeting:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Call to Worship:**

Psalm 145:1-4, 8

Minister: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

**People: Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.**

Minister: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

**People: One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.**

**ALL: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

### **Hymn of Adoration**

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

#75

### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Gloria Patri**

#735

*Glory be to 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, amen.*

### **Ministry of Music**

*Every Valley*

Choir  
by John Ness Beck

## **APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE**

**Call to Confession:**

Colossians 1:21-23a

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation — if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.”

**Prayer of Confession in Unison:**

**Our mighty Father, we acknowledge Your right to rule. Unto You belongs all praise, adoration and submission; but we are a sinful people, within us is a spirit of rebellion.**

**We are easily persuaded that our own glory and standing is the issue. We doubt Your power and Your love in the face of overwhelming evidence. We are ashamed of our unbelief, our doubt and of our disobedience.**

**We long to grow in the likeness of our Savior. Teach us to hate evil as He does. Strengthen us in righteousness that we may serve and please You. By Your grace overrule within us every tendency to self-glory and continually show us Your glory, Your power and Your goodness.**

**Silent Confession of Sin**

We ask it in the name of our Lord Jesus, Who is the head of the Church. Amen.

**Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon**

“God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

**Offertory Prayer**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Doxology** #731  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures, here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Hymn**  
*God Is My Strong Salvation* #667

**Pastoral Prayer**

## RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

**The Scripture Reading:** Psalm 103:4-8  
Mark 8:31-38

**Minister:** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.

**People:** **Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things from Thy Word.**

Children may leave at this time for Children's Church.

**The Morning Sermon**  
*The Imperatives of the Cross* Rev. Don Rackley

**Prayer of Application**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn**  
*The Church's One Foundation* (v.1-5) #347

**Benediction**  
**Minister:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord look with favor upon you and give you peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**Hymn**  
*The Church's One Foundation* (v.6) #347

**Postlude**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP  
Rev. Don Rackley, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*

Mike Kanaga, *Assisting Elder*  
Charlotte Kliewer, *Pianist*

# SERMON OUTLINE

## The Imperatives of the Cross

**The Scripture Reading:**

Mark 8:31-38

**Point:** The cross was a divine imperative for Jesus and for all who would follow Him.

### **I. What it Means to be the Messiah (v.31)**

- A. The Son of Man Identified
- B. The Son of Man Exalted
- C. The Son of Man Suffering

### **II. The Cross an Imperative**

- A. Why Must the Son of Man Suffer
- B. Why Can't God Simply Forgive Sin
- C. Sin is a Debt That Must be Paid

### **III. The Son of Man Vindicated (v.32-38)**

- A. His Enemies Seem to Triumph
- B. The Cross Comes Before the Throne
- C. The Cost of Discipleship