

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, March 14, 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*

James 1:27

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

## APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

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

### **Call to Worship:**

Psalm 33:6-11

**Minister:** By the Word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

**People:** **He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; He puts the deep into storehouses.**

**Minister:** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere Him.

**People:** **For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.**

**Minister:** The LORD foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

**People:** **But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.**

### **Hymn of Adoration**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#115

### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Gloria Patri**

#735

### **Ministry of Music**

*As Deer for Streams, I Pant for God*

Mike Kanaga, Jennifer Johnson, Mike Verga

Appalachian Folk Melody

## APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

**Call to Confession:**

Psalm 51:5-9

“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.”

**Prayer of Confession in Unison:**

**Our Father, although You are a holy God Who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for His sake. You have promised us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**We ask also that You would give us an increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk in Your holy paths; for Your glory and the good of our neighbor.**

**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**

“I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’—and You forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Psalm 32:5

**Ministry of Music**

*My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone*

Quartet

Psalm 62

**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** #246  
*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Scripture Reading:** Numbers 11:24-30  
Mark 9:33-50

**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**  
*Who is the Greatest?* Rev. Don Rackley

**Prayer of Application**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn** #585  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be (v.1-5)*

**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** #585  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be (v.6)*

**Postlude**

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

Marlon Johnston, *Assisting Elder*  
Kristin Kliewer, *Pianist*

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Who is the Greatest?

**The Scripture Reading:**

Mark 9:33-50

**Point:** In Christ's Kingdom true greatness comes through service to others.

### **I. Two Views of Greatness (v.33-37)**

A. The World's View of Greatness

B. God's View of Greatness

C. An Object Lesson On Greatness

### **II. A Heart for the King (v.38-42)**

A. A Spirit of Exclusion

B. A Wide Range of Ministry

C. A Serious Warning

### **III. A Commitment to the Kingdom (v.43-50)**

A. The Radical Demands of Discipleship

B. The Radical Punishment of the Lost

C. The Radical Demands of God