

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 26, 2009

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

We don't sing this song because its new or up-tempo. The heart of worship is to know God is supreme in times of prosperity and lack, joy or sorrow, in health or in pain. "My heart will choose to say"...pray for this spirit within your own heart.

Endless in Majesty

God is Creator, receiver of praise from His creation. God is Invisible, defying creation's understanding. God is faithful, creating a response of adoration within us. Of His mercies, "beautiful, how wonderful"...He is endless in His Majesty!

BAPTISM

David Robert Stewart (Parents: Ben and Abby Stewart)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great is Thy Faithfulness

The author, *Thomas Obadiah Chisholm* was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. Without the benefit of high school or advanced training, he began his career as a school teacher at the age of sixteen, in the same country schoolhouse where he had received his elementary training. In a letter dated 1941, Mr. Chisholm wrote; "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me until now, although I must not fail to record the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness." There's a worshipper!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory- "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Patrick Smith conducting

SERMON: DR. JOHN SITTEMA

"Psalm 145: The Active Heart of Worship"

SONGS OF RESPONSE

All Heaven Declares

This song has so much in it; the song of Heaven, His horrific death, the acknowledgement of the risen Lord, and our response. Jesus has reconciled man to God. Who is like our Lord?

This Kingdom

We begin singing about Jesus, God's righteousness revealed, and the glory of His Kingdom, which is, and is coming! We rejoice today for the hope this brings, and that we are part of His glorious kingdom *now*, only by the grace of God.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

WORSHIP WORDS

The path to deeper worship is a clearer theology.

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. -*John Piper*