

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 30, 2009

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

Jesus taught us that if our brother has something against us, we ought to go and be reconciled to him before we do anything else in gathered worship. Please do that without delay if necessary.

WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF PREPARATION: PSALM 33:18-22 (ESV)

Holy, Holy, Holy

This is a song of approach, declaring with angels the holiness of the Triune God. We joyfully sing his attributes and his uniqueness, his holiness. Many songs exist praising people, objects, emotions and experiences, but to whom else and what else can we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy!"? There is none like our God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Because We Believe

We declare the creed together, reminding ourselves of our core beliefs, reaffirming our faith in God our Father, Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are singing to a God we believe in, a Christ that has conquered death and bridged us to the Father, and a Spirit that comforts and dwells among us. We have reason to sing!

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 46, QUESTION 120

Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father?"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Jesus leads us to the Father in every way; in action and thought, in purpose and prayer, and so we praise our Lord Jesus Christ, and through him and by him we hymn the Father, singing "blessed be the Lord God Almighty!"

TITHES AND OFFERINGS*

Offertory— He is Strong

SERMON: JOHN SITTEMA

"Fathering: God as Pattern"

He is Strong (reprise)

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP WORDS

The path to deeper worship is a clearer theology.

"Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace perfected."

—Jonathan Edwards