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# God's People Gather for Worship

October 18, 2020

9:00 AM

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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## Preparing for Worship

Prelude

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

James Biery

Ms. Faye Kesler, organ

Greeting and Prayer of Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

*Leader: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.*

**People: Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

**Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.**

*Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.*

**All: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool—he is holy.**

Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Thro' all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
Four Thou hast died for me:

Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Thro'-out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life!  
Who triumphed o'er the grave;  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n!  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise,  
For Thou for us hast died.  
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days  
Adored and magnified!

## **Affirming Our Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26

I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,  
who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need  
for body and soul, and will turn to my good  
whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.

God is able to do this because he is almighty God  
and he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

## **Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways  
like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone  
those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those  
who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your  
promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful

God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### Assurance of Divine Pardon

*Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.*

All: Thanks, be to God.

### Hymn

"God Moves in a Mysterious  
Way"  
RIDGECREST

God moves in a mysterious way His Wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm, and rides upon the storm.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head, in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;  
Beneath a frowning providence He hides a smiling face, He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain, and He will make it plain.

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts

Anthem

"Be Still and Know"  
Chancel Choir  
Ms. Grace Garnett, piano

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 20:20-26

*Leader: This is the word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Politics of Jesus"  
Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn

"The Servant Song"  
THE SERVANT SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;  
We're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey thro'.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

## Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Overture From Fireworks Music"

*George F. Handel*

Ms. Faye Kesler



## Today's Scripture

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Luke 20:20-26 NIV

<sup>20</sup> Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. <sup>21</sup> So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. <sup>22</sup> Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>23</sup> He saw through their duplicity and said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?"

<sup>25</sup> "Caesar's," they replied.

He said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>26</sup> They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

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