

Order of Service

INTROIT: “O Praise Ye The Lord” [# 24 VIP] – Saxthorpe Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In a transforming world, we gather to give praises to our God who calls us to do his will.

R: **May this worship be a time to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.**

L: In a transforming world, we hear God calling us anew to follow Jesus with purpose and passion.

ALL: **May this worship challenge us to open our ears, hearts, and lives to the Spirit of life which makes all things new.**

HYMN: “Jesus! The Name High Over All” [# 49 VIP, vs 1, 2, 5 and 6]

1. Jesus! The name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky!
Angels and men before it fall,
And devils fear and fly.

5. His only righteousness I show,
His saving grace proclaim;
'Tis all my business here below
To cry: Behold the Lamb!

2. Jesus! The name to sinners
dear,
The name to sinners given;
It scatters all their guilty fear,
It turns their hell to heaven.

6. Happy if with my latest breath
I might but gasp his name;
Preach him to all, and cry in
death:
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

PRAYER OF ADORATION (Extempore)

Chorus: “Change My Heart Oh God”

*Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true.
Change my heart oh God,
May I be like You.*

*You are the potter,
I am the clay,
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray. (x2)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Creator God, we confess before You that we do not always follow the ways of the world You created, but instead follow the ways of the world we have created. A world in which we put ourselves above others, that our needs and desires are more important than anyone else’s. We put worldly success, fame and satisfaction above the needs of others, especially the people we do not see. Forgive us, O Lord and may You Call us back into loving others and to love You. In the name of Jesus Christ, who leads us into new life, we pray. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Liberating God, we are Your beloved children, we know that You

have heard our cry for forgiveness, and have given us Your grace and pardon through Your son Jesus Christ. Hear then the good news my brothers and sisters your sins have been forgiven.

R: Amen. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Oh, Divine Gift-Giver, with hearts of gratitude we stand beneath the endless waterfall of Your abundant gifts to humankind. We thank You especially for the blessing of life, the most precious of all Your gifts to us. We thank You, Ever-generous One, for your provisions of clothing to wear, food and drink to nourish our bodies and a roof over our head. We thank You for the many joys of life, for family and friends, for work that gives to us a sense of purpose and invests our lives with meaning. Giver of all good gifts we thank you for all the talents and skills that You have bestowed upon us. We thank You as well for the sufferings and trials of our lives. Grant that we may never greet a new day without the awareness of some gift for which to give You thanks. And may constant thanksgiving be our song of perpetual praise to You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

HYMN: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” [# 236 VIP]

1. Come, thou fount of every
blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy
grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious
measure
Sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless
treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

Jesus sought me when a
stranger,
Wandering from the fold of
God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

2. Here I find my greatest
treasure:
'Hither by thy help I've come,'
And I hope, by thy good
pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a
fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to
thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal
it,
Seal it from thy courts above!

Robert Robinson (1735—1790) alt.

PRAISE IN WORSHIP:

– Sis. Lesly- Ann Baker
– Sis. Joelle Alfred

MINISTRY TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH’S & YOUNG ADULTS

– Sis. Lesly- Ann Baker

Hymn: “Jesus, Friend of Little Children” [# 472 VIP]

1. Jesus, Friend of little
children,
Be a friend to me;
Take my hand, and ever
keep me
Close to Thee.

3. Step by step O lead me
onward,
Upward into youth;
Wiser, stronger, still
becoming
In Thy truth.

2. Teach me how to grow in
goodness
Daily as I grow;
Thou hast been a child, and
surely
Thou dost know.

4. Never leave me, nor
forsake me;
Ever be my friend;
For I need Thee, from life’s
dawning
To its end.

Walter J. Mathams, 1853-1931

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

COLLECT:

ALL: Eternal Father, at the Baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

L: This is the Word of our Lord

R: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29 Led by Sis. Lesly-Ann Baker

L: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,^[a]
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

R: ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

L: ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

R: ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

R: ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: ⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

R: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: ⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,^[b]
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

R: ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

ALL: ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

GLORIA PATRI

ALL: **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!**

Epistle: Acts 19:1-7

L: This is the word of our Lord

R: **Thanks be to God**

L: **The Gospel According to:** Mark 1: 4-11

ALL: Glory to you O God

L: This is the Gospel of Christ.

R: **Praise be to Christ, our Lord.**

HYMN: "Breathe on Me Breathe of God" [# 159 VIP]

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| 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost
love,
And do what thou would'st do. | 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with thy fire divine. |
| 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure. | 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect
life
Of thine eternity. Amen. |

Edwin Hatch (1835—1889)

SERMON

— **Rev'd Curt Baker**
*Superintendent Minister,
Lyndhurst Circuit*

(Moment of quiet reflection on the message and prayer.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the**

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP:

- **WELCOME, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **THE OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

— Sis. Joelle Alfred

THE LORD'S PRAYER

— Sis. Lesly- Ann Baker

CLOSING HYMN: "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" [# 307 VIP]

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| 1. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One in Three, and Three in
One,
As by the celestial host,
Let thy will on earth be
done;
Praise by all to thee be given,
Glorious Lord of earth and
heaven. | All I know, and all I feel,
All I think, or speak, or do;
Take my heart, but make it
new. |
| 2. If a sinner such as I
May to thy great glory live,
All my actions sanctify,
All my words and thoughts
receive;
Claim me for thy service,
claim
All I have and all I am. | 4. Now, O God, thine own I am,
Now I give thee back thine
own;
Freedom, friends, and health,
and fame
Consecrate to thee alone:
Thine I live, thrice happy I;
Happier still if thine I die. |
| 3. Take my soul and body's
powers;
Take my memory, mind, and
will,
All my goods, and all my
hours, | 5. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One in Three, and Three in
One,
As by the celestial host,
Let thy will on earth be done;
Praise by all to thee be given,
Glorious Lord of earth and
heaven.

<i>Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.</i> |

BENEDICTION

We are God's beloved, and we go out into God's future to love, to serve, and to be made new. As we go, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit keep us now and forever. Amen!

THREEFOLD AMEN: (Amen, Amen, Amen)



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Sunday, January 10, 2021

DIVINE WORSHIP

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

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*Superintendent Minister,
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A warm welcome to all worshippers!