

# Worshiping God, Whose Throne We Approach Through Christ!

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**PRELUDE** *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major* Dietrich Buxtehude  
Dennis Bergin, organ

**WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
Sanctuary Choir; Prudence Barker, Julia Teves, violin; Bob Nagy, cello;  
Matt Brantley, bass; Charis Baker, flute; Holly Henske, clarinet;  
Nicole Lesh, bass clarinet; April Northington, tenor sax; Will Barker, trombone;  
Carrie Smith, piano; Greg Wagener, drums; Nathanael Zanders, timpani

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends, and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 103:1-5, 10-19

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**People: For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

Pastor: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,**

Pastor: To those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

**People: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

**\*HIGH IN THE HEAV'NS HIS THRONE IS FIXED FOREVER!**

**NO. 6** *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

Kyrstan Brantley and Caroline Engel

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Matthew 22:37-40

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

## CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Matthew 5:17

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

### \*I COME WITH YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS ON!

Bill Myers, Billy Stulac, guitar; Rod Cunningham, keyboard

## *A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
2. The work which your good - ness be - gan, \_\_\_\_\_ the  
3. My name from the palms of your hands, \_\_\_\_\_ e -

cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing. I come with your righ - teous - ness  
arm of your strength will com - plete. Your pro - mise is yes and a -  
ter - ni - ty will not e - rase. Im - pressed on your heart it re -

on. my hum - ble off 'ring to bring. \_\_\_\_\_ The judgments of your ho - ly  
men, and ne - ver was for - feit - ed yet. \_\_\_\_\_ The fu - ture or things that are  
mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes I, to the end, will en -

law with me can have no - thing to \_\_\_\_\_ do My Sav - ior's o - be dience and  
now, no pow - er be - low or a - bove, can make you your pur - pose fore -  
dure, un - til I bow down at your throne. For - ev - er and al - ways se -

blood hide all my trans - gres - sions \_\_\_\_\_ from view.  
go, or se - ver my soul from \_\_\_\_\_ your love.  
cure, a debt - or to mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ a - lone.

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**\*GOD REVEALS HOW WE ARE CLEANSED AND MADE PERFECT!**

The French Confession of Faith (1559), Articles 16 & 17

Pastor: We believe that God, in sending his Son, intended to show his love and inestimable goodness towards us, giving him up to die to accomplish all righteousness, and raising him from the dead to secure for us the heavenly life.

**People: We believe that by the perfect sacrifice that the Lord Jesus offered on the cross, we are reconciled to God, and justified before him;**

Pastor: For we cannot be acceptable to him, nor become partakers of the grace of adoption, except as he pardons all our sins, and blots them out.

**People: Thus we declare that through Jesus Christ we are cleansed and made perfect; by his death we are fully justified, and through him only can we be delivered from our iniquities and transgressions.**

**\*JEHOVAH IS THE SINNER'S FRIEND!**

***Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace***

1. Come bold - ly to \_\_\_\_\_ the throne of grace, Ye  
2. "How can I come?" \_\_\_\_\_ Some soul may say, "I'm  
3. Come bold - ly to \_\_\_\_\_ the throne of grace, Though  
4. He makes the dead \_\_\_\_\_ to hear his voice; \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Come bold - ly to \_\_\_\_\_ the throne of grace, For  
6. Poor bank - rupt souls, \_\_\_\_\_ who feel and know The

wretch - ed sin - - ners come; \_\_\_\_\_ And  
lame and can - - not walk; \_\_\_\_\_ My  
lost, and blind, \_\_\_\_\_ Je -  
He makes the blind \_\_\_\_\_ to see; \_\_\_\_\_ The  
Je - sus fills \_\_\_\_\_ the throne; And  
hell of sin \_\_\_\_\_ with - - in, \_\_\_\_\_ Come

lay your load \_\_\_\_\_ at Je - sus' feet, And  
guilt and sin \_\_\_\_\_ have stopped my mouth; I  
ho - vah is \_\_\_\_\_ the sin - ner's Friend, And  
sin - ner lost \_\_\_\_\_ he came to save, And  
those he kills \_\_\_\_\_ he makes a - live; He  
bold - ly to \_\_\_\_\_ the throne of grace; The

plead what he has \_\_\_\_\_ done. \_\_\_\_\_  
sigh, but dare not \_\_\_\_\_ talk. \_\_\_\_\_  
ev - er was the same. \_\_\_\_\_  
set the pris - 'ner free. \_\_\_\_\_  
hears the sigh or \_\_\_\_\_ groan. \_\_\_\_\_  
Lord will take you in \_\_\_\_\_ take you in.

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**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Psalm 35:27

Reverend Bill Myers, Congregational Care Pastor

Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore,  
“Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servant!”

**GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP** Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS**

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD’S WORD** *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

Sing! Jr.; Maddy Paramore, soloist

You are holy, (echo) You are mighty; (echo)  
You are worthy, (echo) worthy of praise. (echo)  
I will follow, (echo) I will listen; (echo).  
I will love you, (echo) all of my days. (echo)

I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore Him. And I will bow down before Him.

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings;  
You are Mighty God, Lord of everything.  
You’re Emmanuel, You’re the Great I Am;  
You’re the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.  
You’re the Living God, You’re my saving grace;  
You will reign forever, You are Ancient of Days.  
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
You’re my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.

You’re my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

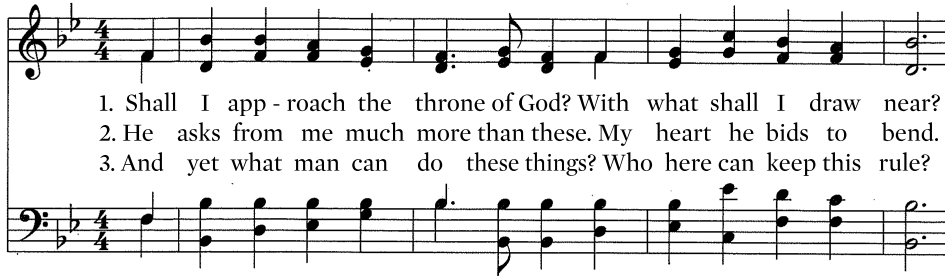
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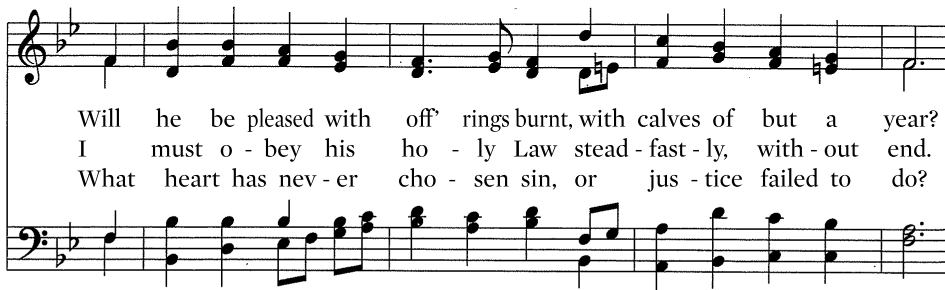
<b>GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD</b>	Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
<b>SERMON SERIES</b>	“Micah”
<b>SCRIPTURE TEXT</b>	Micah 6:6-8   page 779 in the pew Bible
<b>SERMON TITLE</b>	<i>He Has Told You</i>

**\*WITH WHAT SHALL I DRAW NEAR?**

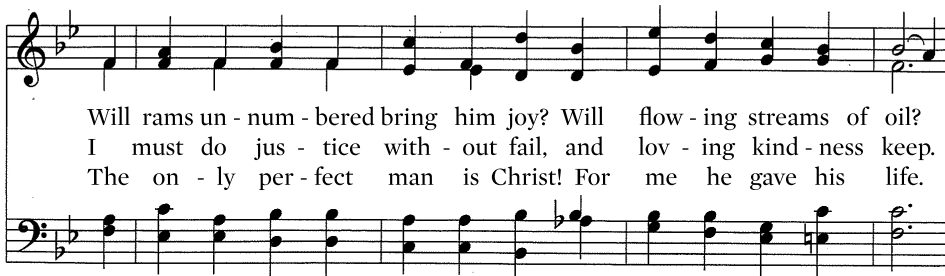
## *Shall I Approach the Throne of God*



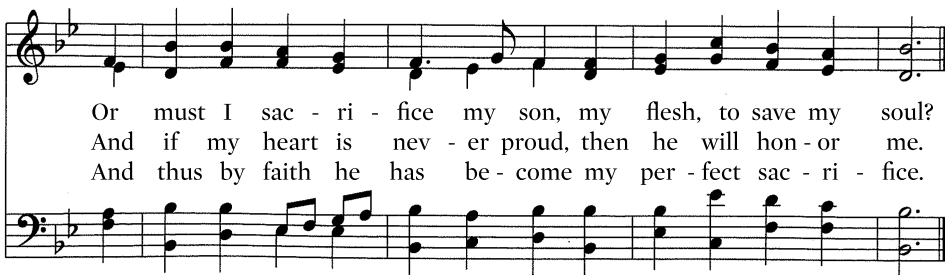
1. Shall I app - roach the throne of God? With what shall I draw near?  
2. He asks from me much more than these. My heart he bids to bend.  
3. And yet what man can do these things? Who here can keep this rule?



Will he be pleased with off' rings burnt, with calves of but a year?  
I must o - bey his ho - ly Law stead - fast - ly, with - out end.  
What heart has nev - er cho - sen sin, or jus - tice failed to do?



Will rams un - num - bered bring him joy? Will flow - ing streams of oil?  
I must do jus - tice with - out fail, and lov - ing kind - ness keep.  
The on - ly per - fect man is Christ! For me he gave his life.



Or must I sac - ri - fice my son, my flesh, to save my soul?  
And if my heart is nev - er proud, then he will hon - or me.  
And thus by faith he has be - come my per - fect sac - ri - fice.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Shall I Approach the Throne of God*

## ***He Has Told You***

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Micah 6:6-8 | page 779 in the pew Bible

How must you approach God?

1. Not with superstitious sacrifices

2. But with sanctified service

\*Congregation please rise

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