

Worshiping God, Who Gives Our Gifts!

PRELUDE *Agincourt Hymn (DEO GRACIAS)* John Dunstable

Dennis Bergin, organ

O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
attr. Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)

Psalm XIX (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God) Benedetto Marcello

Hymn Whim *LOBE DEN HERREN* Dennis Bergin

(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation)

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Magnificat*

Mid-High Choir; Carrie Smith, piano

My soul magnifies the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
My soul magnifies the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God.

Glory be to God, the Father, and glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit; Glory be to God.

He has been mindful of His servant; He has been mindful of me.
I will be blessed forever, forever; I will be blessed by the Lord.

God alone is mighty, mighty; Our God alone has done great things.
God alone is worthy, worthy; Holy is His name.

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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 138:1-2

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

People: Before the gods I sing your praise;

Pastor: I bow down toward your holy temple

People: And give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

Pastor: For you have exalted above all things

People: Your name and your word.

***FATHER, ALL GLORIOUS NO. 101** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Kyrstan Brantley, Deborah Roby, vocals; Billy Stulac, bass; Ariana Stout, guitar;

Greg Wagener, drums

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

***WHAT A SAVIOR! NO. 498** *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Romans 12:3-8

Pastor: For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think,

People: but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Pastor: For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

People: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

***HE IT IS WHO WORKS WITHIN US!**

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

1. For your gift of God the Spir - it, pow'r to make our lives a - new,
2. He, him - self the li - ving Au - thor, wakes to life the sa - cred Word,
3. He the might - y God, in - dwells us; his to strength-en, help, em - pow'r;
4. Fa - ther grant your ho - ly Spir - it in our hearts may rule to - day,

pledge of life and hope of glo - ry, Sav - ior, we would wor - ship you. —
reads with us its ho - ly pa - ges and re - veals our ri - sen Lord.
his to o - ver - come the tempt - er, ours to call in dan - ger's hour.
grieved not, quenched not, but un - hin - der'd, work in us His Sov - reign way.

Crown - ing gift of res - ur - rec - tion sent from your as - cend - ed throne,
He it is who works with - in us, Teach - ing re - bel hearts to pray,
In his strength we dare to bat - tle all the rag - ing hosts of sin,
Fill us with your ho - ly full - ness, God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

full - ness of the ver - y — God - head, come to make your life our own.
He whose ho - ly in - ter - ces - sions rise for us both night and day.
and by him a - lone we con - quer foes with - out and foes with - in.
in us, through us, then for - ev - er, shall your per - fect will be done.

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***GOD REVEALS HIS WORK ! Acts 14:26-27**

From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Mrs. Shannon Kekhaev – Westminster Christian Academy
Reverend Tim Price – RUF at WashU

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Deuteronomy 33:26

Jeff Scheibe, Elder

There is none like God, O Jeshurun, [beloved one] who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP 1 Corinthians 4:2

It is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *For the Cause*
Mid-High Choir

For the cause of Christ the King we give our lives, an offering,
'Til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son.

For the cause of Christ we go with joy to reap, with faith to sow,
As many see and many put their trust in the Son.

Chorus: Christ we proclaim, the Name above ev'ry name.
For all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son.

For the King, once lifted high to cries of rage, of "crucify,"
Endured the cross as every sin was laid on the Son.

To the King who conquered death, to free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace, for life and liberty in the Son. *Chorus*

Let it be my life's refrain, "To live is Christ, to die is gain."
Deny myself, take up my cross, and follow the Son. *Chorus*

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***YOUR ATTITUDE SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE LORD JESUS**
No. 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Reprise: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

The Ministry of Service

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1. The Need: Unity

- In a fragmented world needs go unseen and unmet.
- Those who have been united to Christ are called to see and serve one another.

2. The Source: Jesus

- Jesus Christ, the suffering servant, is the source of church unity.
- Jesus' disciples have been saved from sin to a life of service.

3. The Benefit: Growth

- Dependence upon the word of God leads to growth
- Celebration of a diversity of godly gifts leads to growth

*Congregation please rise

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Most recently, Dr. Martin co-founded and pastored West Charlotte Church, an intercultural church in the urban center of Charlotte, NC. His most recent book, *Grimké on the Christian Life: Christian Vitality for the Church and World*, developed in relation to that experience. Part of Crossway's Theologians on the Christian Life series, the book explores the practical ethics of prominent Black American pastor and theologian Francis Grimké.

His previous book, *The Covenant with Moses and the Kingdom of God: Thomas Hobbes and the Theology of the Old Covenant in Early Modern England*, is part of Brill's Studies in the History of Christian Traditions series. The book is a revision of Dr. Martin's PhD research and considers the development of covenant theology in the political context of post-Reformation England.

His work also includes contributions to The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity, the Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, The Oxford Handbook of Reformed Theology, and Richard Hooker and Reformed Orthodoxy.

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