



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Worship Service

Welcome & Call to Worship

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Psalm 118:19-26

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Worship in Song

COME THOU FOUNT

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 SONNET
SUNG BY FLAMING TONGUES ABOVE
PRAISE THE MOUNT! I'M FIXED UPON IT
MOUNT OF THY REDEEMING LOVE

HERE I RAISE MY EBENEZER
HERE BY THY GREAT HELP I'VE COME
AND I HOPE, BY THY GOOD PLEASURE
SAFELY TO ARRIVE AT HOME
JESUS SOUGHT ME WHEN A STRANGER
WANDERING FROM THE FOLD OF GOD
HE, TO RESCUE ME FROM DANGER
INTERPOSED HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD

O TO GRACE HOW GREAT A DEBTOR
DAILY I'M CONSTRAINED TO BE
LET THY GOODNESS, LIKE A FETTER
BIND MY WANDERING HEART TO THEE
PRONE TO WANDER, LORD, I FEEL IT
PRONE TO LEAVE THE GOD I LOVE
HERE'S MY HEART, O TAKE AND SEAL IT
SEAL IT FOR THY COURTS ABOVE

O THAT DAY WHEN FREED FROM SINNING
I SHALL SEE THY LOVELY FACE
CLOTHED THEN IN BLOOD WASHED LINEN
HOW I'LL SING THY SOVEREIGN GRACE
COME, MY LORD, NO LONGER TARRY
TAKE MY RANSOMED SOUL AWAY
SEND THINE ANGELS NOW TO CARRY
ME TO REALMS OF ENDLESS DAY

GLORY TO GOD FOREVER
BEFORE THE WORLD WAS MADE
BEFORE YOU SPOKE IT TO BE
YOU WERE THE KING OF KINGS
YEAH YOU WERE, YEAH YOU WERE
AND NOW YOU'RE REIGNING STILL
ENTHRONED ABOVE ALL THINGS
ANGELS AND SAINTS CRY OUT
WE JOIN THEM AS WE SING

GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD
GLORY TO GOD,
FOREVER!

CREATOR GOD YOU GAVE
ME BREATH SO I COULD PRAISE
YOUR GREAT AND MATCHLESS NAME
ALL MY DAYS, ALL MY DAYS
SO LET MY WHOLE LIFE BE
A BLAZING OFFERING
A LIFE THAT SHOUTS AND SINGS
THE GREATNESS OF THE KING

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE
ALL FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR GLORY
TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE YOURS

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

WERE CREATION SUDDENLY ARTICULATE
WITH A THOUSAND TONGUES TO LIFT ONE CRY
THEN FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AND EAST TO WEST
WE'D HEAR CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

WERE THE WHOLE EARTH ECHOING HIS EMINENCE
HIS NAME WOULD BURST FROM SEA AND SKY
FROM RIVERS TO THE MOUNTAIN TOPS
WE'D HEAR CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

O CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED
LET HIS PRAISE ARISE
CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED IN ME
O CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED
FROM THE ALTAR OF MY LIFE
CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED IN ME

WHEN EV'RY CREATURE FINDS ITS INMOST MELODY
AND EV'RY HUMAN HEART ITS NATIVE CRY
O THEN IN ONE ENRAPTURED HYMN OF PRAISE
WE'LL SING CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

I WON'T BOW TO IDOLS
I'LL STAND STRONG AND WORSHIP YOU
AND IF IT PUTS ME IN THE FIRE
I'LL REJOICE 'CAUSE YOU'RE THERE TOO
I WON'T BE FORMED BY FEELINGS
I HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS TRUE
IF THE CROSS BRINGS TRANSFORMATION

THEN I'LL BE CRUCIFIED WITH YOU
(YOU CAN HANG ME THERE WITH YOU)

'CAUSE DEATH IS JUST THE DOORWAY
INTO RESURRECTION LIFE
IF I JOIN YOU IN YOUR SUFF'RINGS
THEN I'LL JOIN YOU WHEN YOU RISE

AND WHEN YOU RETURN IN GLORY
WITH ALL THE ANGELS AND THE SAINTS
MY HEART WILL STILL BE SINGING
MY SONG WILL BE THE SAME

Ministry Moment

Michael Fairchild

Community Time

Kayli Davis

Pastoral Prayer

Ruling Elder Joe Spencer

Scripture Reading

Pastor Jeff Hardy

Psalms 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory! Selah

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Hardy

A Godward Life

From the Heart: A Sermon Series in Psalms
Psalms 24

1. Who Is God?
2. Who Can Be Close to God?
3. How Do We Respond to God's Glory?

Confession of Sin & Gospel Assurance

Pastor Jeff Hardy

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we marvel that you should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. The sepulcher calls forth our adoring wonder, for it is empty and you are risen; the four-fold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it, our heart's experience knows it. Give us to die with you that we may rise to new life, for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin and to the world; that we might not hear the voice of the tempter, and might be delivered from his lusts. O Lord, there is much ill about us and sin within us - crucify it, mortify it. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, the shame of men's opinions, the desire to be worldly. Grant us more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule us, may we walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. For the glory of our living Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Gospel Assurance

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:13-15

Lord's Supper

Pastor Jeff Hardy

Song of Response

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

WE BOW OUR HEARTS WE BEND OUR KNEES
OH SPIRIT COME MAKE US HUMBLE
WE TURN OUR EYES FROM EVIL THINGS
OH LORD WE CAST DOWN OUR IDOLS

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS GIVE US PURE HEARTS
LET US NOT LIFT OUR SOULS TO ANOTHER
GIVE US CLEAN HANDS GIVE US PURE HEARTS
LET US NOT LIFT OUR SOULS TO ANOTHER
AND OH GOD LET US BE A GENERATION THAT SEEKS
THAT SEEKS YOUR FACE OH GOD OF JACOB
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Benediction

Pastor Jeff Hardy