FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 4, 2009

WORSHIP THE LORD

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Personal Preparation for Worship

O Holy God of redemption, who sent your Son to share your redeeming love with your children, who felt they were ready to receive the crumbs from your table: keep me in fellowship with Christ, that the faith I profess may never make me immune to the redemptive work you are trying to accomplish in and through my life. In my Savior's name I pray. Amen.

Prelude

Introit *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Call to Worship

Leader: When faith rejects the Author of faith it ceases to be a source of redemption.
People: We do not want to feel so righteous that God is unable to redeem us.
Leader: Jesus loved Jerusalem, but their faith made them reject his love, so he could not save them.
People: We pray for the crumbs of faith that daily nourish our spirits.
Leader: So then, as a church of faith, let us be thankful for even the crumbs that fall our way through his Spirit, that we might be united in our worship of Him. Let us pray.

Invocation

Almighty God, our loving Father, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to live the lives of those who have been raised with him to walk in the newness of life. Give us humility in all things, and lift our thoughts above everything that would keep us from fulfilling your purpose for us. Amen.

Hymn 383** ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Prayer of Confession

We are aware, Lord, that our lack of faith can become a barricade to understanding your redeeming love in Christ. Forgive us for taking the faith you have given us and making it a religion that keeps us out of your reach. We want to be holy, but only as you make us holy, not by deeds of our own doing. We want to be redeemed, but only by your love, not by any righteousness of ours. We are your children, humble receiving your grace. By faith, we ask you to feed us your forgiveness that we might seek to reach beyond ourselves to feed others. This we ask in Jesus' name.

Time for Individual Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins

in his body on the Cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. Friends: believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri** **Hymn 579**

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time with Children

Anthem *Break the Bread* Sleeth

Scripture Reading **Psalm 145: 1-13**

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
[2] Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

[3] Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
[4] One generation will commend your works to another;
they will tell of your mighty acts.
[5] They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
[6] They will tell of the power of your awesome works,
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
[7] They will celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

[8] The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
[9] The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
[10] All you have made will praise you, O Lord;
your saints will extol you.
[11] They will tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
[12] so that all men may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
[13] Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is faithful to all his promises
and loving toward all he has made.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 438** ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

***The Doxology** **Hymn 592**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture **Philippians 2: 1-11**

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, [2] then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. [3] Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. [4] Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

[5] Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

[6] Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
[7] but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
[8] And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death--
even death on a cross!
[9] Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon **World-Conquering Humility**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn 322** ***Spirit of the Living God (Sing it through twice)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Pastor: This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

People: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: This is the Lord's table; our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Give thanks to God for He is good.

People: His love is everlasting.

Pastor: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God: we thank you for the power which brought our Lord Jesus from death to life and which is promised to us who believe in him. We praise you that, breaking bread by faith, we know Christ risen, and can trust him to save us from death and from sin. Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With all the faithful from every time and place, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are Holy.

People: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty, heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God most high!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *Peace I Leave with You*

***Postlude**

**If you are able, please stand.*