

# THE LORD'S DAY ~ March 7, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

## Preparation for Worship

### Prelude

### Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1-3

**\*Hymn of Praise** "In Christ Alone" (1)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light my strength my song.  
This Cornerstone this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.  
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### \*Invocation

**\*Hymn of Adoration** (C531) "Unto Thee, O Lord"

**\*Confession of Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith 20:1-3

*Leader: The good news is Jesus Christ purchased liberty for believers. This consists of our freedom from the guilt of sin, the damning wrath of God and the curse of the moral law. Freedom delivers us from this world's evil, sin's reign within our hearts and Satanic bondage; from the evil of ill health, death's sting, the grave's victory and God's eternal curse.*

**People:** Believers have unhindered access before God, not obeying him in slavish fear, but with a child-like love and a willing mind. All of this was shared with believers during the period of the Old Testament. Christian liberty enlarged with the onset of the New Testament era. Christians are free of the duty of the ceremonial law fulfilled by Jewish believers and have greater courage in approaching the throne of grace. God's free Spirit more fully communicates with New Testament believers than he normally did with Old Testament believers.

*Leader: God alone is Lord of the conscience. He has given freedom from the teachings and commandments of those who in any way contradict his Word. The same freedom applies to those requiring things added to God's Word in matters of faith and worship.*

**People:** To believe or to obey such contradictory or additional teachings against your conscience betrays true freedom of conscience. To require unwavering faith with absolute and thoughtless obedience destroys freedom of conscience and reason.

*Leader: Using the pretense of Christian liberty to practice sinful behavior or to nurture excessive desires, destroys the purpose of Christian liberty.*

**People:** God has a purpose for delivering us out of the power of our spiritual enemies. God intends we serve him without the fear of corrupting our holiness or our righteousness before him every day of our life.

### Scripture Reading

II Peter 2

### Confession of Sin

Lord God, we confess our failure to be true even to our own accepted standards, our unwillingness to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand of others, our complacency towards wrongs that do not touch our own lives, our slowness to see the good in others and the evil in ourselves, our hardness of heart toward the faults of our neighbors, and our readiness to make allowances for our own. O Lord, please forgive and grant us your pardon through Christ. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** II Corinthians 9:10-11

**Offertory Special Music** "Prepare Ye the Way" (2)

The Word of the Lord came one evening concerning His bride's great sin.  
He'd send down His Word to renew her  
to prepare for the Bridegroom again.  
The Word said repent from seeking vain glories  
While the gifts in the Lord's name you give.  
Repent of all the first stones cast to kill  
While your own self-righteousness lives.

Prepare ye the way for the Lord. Prepare ye the way for the kingdom  
Prepare ye the way. Prepare ye the way for the Lord

The Word said repent and turn from your strivings.  
Repent and turn from your hatred.  
Repent from the doctrines of men that divide  
And fear like the wedding gown ripped .

Walk in His love like newborn children.  
Walk in His love, let the wedding gown mend.  
Walk in His love, with humility come with pure hearts  
And cast all your cares to the wind.

The Word of the Lord came one evening concerning His bride's sin.  
He assured me we will be forgiven and then let the marriages begin.

### Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:145-146

### Sermon

Luke 1:67-80

"The Benedictus: Zechariah's Praise to God"  
Rev. Cory D. Colravy

### \*Hymn of Response

"Come to Jesus" (3)

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;  
O raise your head, for Love is passing by.  
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,  
And precious blood has washed away the stain.  
So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!

Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl.  
And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall.  
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,  
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain,  
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!

And when the love spills over, and music fills the night,  
And when you can't contain your joy inside,  
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heart beat kiss the world goodbye,  
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side.  
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!  
Fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

### \*Charge and Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

**\*Hymn of Benediction** (T740)

"Threefold Amen"

### \*Postlude

#### Pastor Colravy's Current Preaching Series:

AM ~ The Synoptic Gospels  
PM ~ The Covenant(s) of God

#### Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Robert S. Hayes, Associate Pastor  
R. Leigh Hinkle, Music Leader  
Glenn E. Hayes, Service Deacon