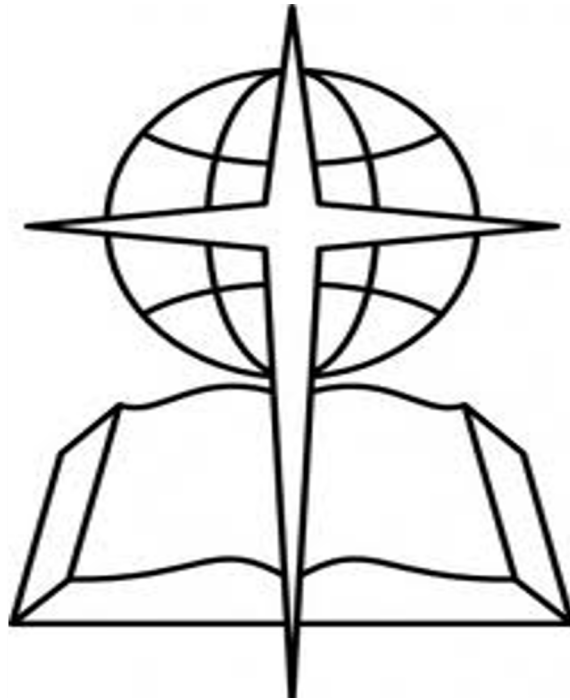


Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 145:1-10

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

Hymns of Praise

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING (*Hymn #336*)

Come, thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, And give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, Eternal praises be!
Hence evermore. Thy Sovereign Majesty, May we in glory see
And through eternity Love and adore.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Hymn #68*)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Scripture Reading

COLOSSIANS 1:1-29

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Hymn of Response

WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR (*Hymn #162*)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

Scripture Reading

JOHN 8:12-30

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Sermon

“Knowing & Pleasing the True God”

I. KNOWING THE TRUE GOD

A. God is the Father Almighty... (Psalm 145)

- He is G_____ and M_____
- He is G_____ and M_____

B. ...who Sent His Only Begotten Son (John 8:12-30)

- He R_____ Himself *through His Son alone*
- He S_____ His Children *through His Son alone*
- He will J_____ the World *through His Son alone*

II. PLEASING THE TRUE GOD

A. How to Please the True God (Colossians 1)

- A_____ in T_____ to the Father
- T_____ and H_____ His Son
- L_____ and D_____ G_____ to His Children

B. How to Infuriate the True God

- Don't G_____ Him T_____ (Rom. 1:18-23)
- Don't R_____ His S_____ (Matt. 21:33 – 22:14)
- Don't C_____ for His C_____ (Matt. 25:31-46)

Hymn of Response

THERE IS A REDEEMER (*Hymn #279*)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

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Doxology & Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
on the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The MSBC Church Covenant

In the presence of God and of men, confessing Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and relying on the help of the Holy Spirit, we joyfully and solemnly covenant with each other:

- Habitually to observe secret prayer
- Devoutly to study the Scriptures and teach them to our children
- Heartily to sustain the work and worship of the Church
- Faithfully to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper
- To walk together in brotherly love and exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over one another
- To aid as God shall prosper us in supporting a faithful ministry
- To seek as we have opportunity to lead others to Jesus Christ
- To live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, abstaining from whatever is unbecoming the Christian profession

Preparing Our Hearts & Receiving the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn

REVIVE US AGAIN (*Hymn #493*)

We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died, and is now gone above.:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light
Who hath shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has taken our sins, and has cleansed every stain.

Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

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Benediction