

WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

May 18, 2025

Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!

Prelude

Worship Theme

Christ is our Shepherd

Psalm 23:1-3: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross

Ps. 32:11

+We Adore Him

Insert, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Psalm 23

We Confess Our Sin

Almighty God! We feel our weakness, our ignorance, and our deep corruptions. We meekly knock at mercy's gate. Regard us in tender love for Jesus' sake. Bend down Your ear and grant Your smile. We are blind; be our light. We are ignorant; be our wisdom. We are steeped in selfishness; pluck all self out of us.

In the deep sense of our guilt, we fly for refuge into the wounded side of Jesus! Be merciful unto us whose only hope is in Your unfailing mercy. Our sins rise higher than the heavens, but Your merits in our behalf surpass the very heaven of heavens! Our unrighteousness would weigh us down to hell, but Your glorious righteousness exalts us to Your heavenly throne! All things in us call for our damnation, but Your all-sufficient grace demands our forgiveness.

We appeal, then, from Your throne of perfect justice, to Your throne of boundless grace! Blessed Jesus, we hide ourselves in the sure covert of Your wrath-appeasing wounds! Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us: that by Your stripes we are healed; that You have been bruised for our iniquities; that You have been made sin for us, that we might have Your divine righteousness; and that all our vile and grievous iniquities, are forgiven and buried in the ocean of Your sin-concealing blood! Enable us to cling firmly to Your cross, even as we now seek safety and repose beneath its sin-atonement shelter! May the good Shepherd lead us this

day, into the green pastures of His refreshing Word, and cause us to lie down beside the rivers of His divine comforts. This we pray in Jesus' name! Amen!

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Insert, "By Grace I Am An Heir Of Heaven"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication

Ps. 32:6-7

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Insert, "Who Dwells Within His Most Secret Place"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship

Ps. 119:73-80

We Read His Word

Sermon

*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Insert, "Praise The Lord God"

Psalm 117

God Blesses us in the Benediction

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.