

## **Morning Worship**

August 22, 2010

### **Welcome**

### **Preparation— Karl Koops**

### **Prelude**

## **Praise**

### **Call to Worship— Psalm 99**

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the people tremble!

*People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion

*People: He is exalted over all the peoples.*

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

*Together: Holy is he!*

### **Hymn of Praise— The God of Abraham Praise**

1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2. The God of A-braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand  
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;  
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.  
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.  
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,  
 triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.  
 On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
 and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
 Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
 all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

**Prayer of Adoration** (*concluded with Lord's Prayer*)

**Songs of Adoration**

**There Is Joy in the Lord**

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in his Spirit  
There is hope in the knowledge of him.  
There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven  
Abounding in love to my soul.

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*All blessing and honor are his. All glory and power are his  
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place  
Let all glory be given to him*

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in his Spirit  
There is hope in the knowledge of him  
There's a fountain I know, every time I am near it  
My heart overflows to the Lord

**Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
To be found in you, and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn;  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the power of your risen life  
And to know you in your sufferings  
To become like you in your death my Lord  
So with you to live and never die.

**Silent Prayer of Adoration**

### Scripture Reading— Job 31:24-28 (NIV)

If I have put my trust in gold or said to pure gold, ‘You are my security,’ if I have rejoiced over my great wealth, the fortune my hands had gained, if I have regarded the sun in its radiance or the moon moving in splendor, so that my heart was secretly enticed and my hand offered them a kiss of homage, then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before you confessing our sins: thoughts  
that are not like your thoughts, selfish desires and evil passions,  
and their wicked fruit—cruel words and unjust acts

*All: Keep us, Lord, from pride and arrogance, and from scornful judgment of others. Keep us, Lord, from worshipping the blessings that you have given us. Keep us, Lord, from trusting in anything except your grace.*

*Lord, you know our temptations and struggles. Show mercy on us, that we may seek the righteousness of faith, that we may be forgiven, and that we may be strengthened each day by your Holy Spirit, to serve you in the joy of liberty.*

### Private Confession

### Words of Encouragement— Isaiah 43:25

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

## **Songs of Praise**

### **I Come By the Blood**

You are the perfect and Righteous God  
Whose presence bears no sin  
You bid me come to Your holy place  
How can I enter in  
when Your presence bears no sin?  
Through Him who poured out His life for me  
The atoning Lamb of God  
Through Him and His work alone I boldly come

*I come by the blood, I come by the cross  
Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me  
For I dare not stand on my righteousness  
My every hope rests on what Christ has done  
And I come by the blood.*

You are the high and exalted King  
The One the angels fear  
So far above me in every way Lord,  
How can I draw near  
To the One the angels fear?  
Through him who laid down his life for me  
And ascended to your side  
Through him, through Jesus alone, I boldly come.

### **Depth of Mercy**

Depth of mercy can there be  
Mercy reaching even me  
God the just his wrath forbears  
Me, the chief of sinners spares  
So many times my heart has strayed  
From his kind and perfect ways  
Making clear my desperate need  
For his blood poured out for me

Give me grace Lord, let me own

All the wrongs that I have done  
Let me now my sins deplore  
Look to you and sin no more  
There for me the savior stands  
Holding forth his wounded hands  
Scars which ever cry for me  
Once condemned but now set free

## **Missions Moment**

## **Congregational Prayer**

## **Commitment**

**Sermon Text**— Revelation 21:1-5, 9-14

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—<sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**Sermon**— The Church: The Bride of Christ

~Rev. Allen Curry

**Offertory**

## Closing Hymn— The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word;  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

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with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
 and tumult of her war,  
 she waits the consummation  
 of peace forevermore;  
 till with the vision glorious  
 her longing eyes are blest,  
 and the great church victorious  
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
 with God the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion  
 with those whose rest is won:  
 O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we,  
 like them, the meek and lowly,  
 on high may dwell with thee.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**