

Service of Worship

Preparing for worship—*For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today’s Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.*

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE

God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-6

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

† INTROIT # 53 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 50 (selected verses)
The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken
and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent;

A fire shall devour before Him,
and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.
He shall call to the heavens from above,
and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

“Gather My saints together to Me,
those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”
Let the heavens declare His righteousness,

For God Himself is Judge.

Offer to God thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

But to the wicked God says:
“What right have you to declare My statutes,

Or take My covenant in your mouth,
Seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?

“Now consider this, you who forget God,
lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to deliver:

Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
and to him who orders his conduct aright
I will show the salvation of God.”

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth
People: He will hear their cry and save them!

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 660 – *O God beyond All Praising*

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (*Let those who are able kneel*)
Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
People: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 3:23-26

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!

Hal-le - lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is proper and right to do so.

God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Exodus 23:10-13

† SECOND READING Colossians 2:11-17
Leader: The Word of the Lord—
People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Exodus 20:8-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Understanding the Sabbath – The Fourth Commandment*
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 540 – *A Few More Years Shall Roll*

God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
People: And His mercy endures forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE
Passing of the Bread # 246 – *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*
Passing of the Wine # 253 – *There is a Fountain Filled With Blood*

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI # 735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

A: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand
‡ With hands uplifted

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- The 2016 Old Fashioned Ball is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016. Please RSVP at ipccclinton.org.
- 2016 Directories are available to be picked up in the back of the church.

