

Order of Service



Sunday, June 21, 2020

Message by Pastor Nick

“Who’s Keeping Count?”

Based on the Question: *“Does God’s forgiveness have limits?*

Will God keep forgiving us, if we keep messing up?”

We invite you to use this “order of service” today. You might consider reading the texts and prayers aloud. Words of songs might be sung, either acapella, or with the tracks that have been provided, by means of links. Simply click on the song titles. Please take time to start to load the song links and skip past any advertisements.

Prelude: Played by Tommy and Aaron Friesen

Call to Worship Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,

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Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel

from all their sins.

Song: From the Inside Out

A thousand times I’ve failed

Still your mercy remains

And should I stumble again,

I’m caught in your grace

Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades

Never ending your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else,

My purpose remains

The art of losing myself,

In bringing you praise

Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades

Never ending your glory goes beyond all fame

My heart and my soul,

I give you control,

Consume me from the inside out, Lord

Let justice and praise

Become my embrace,

To love you from the inside out

And the cry of my heart

Is to bring you praise

From the inside out Lord

My soul cries out

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Song: Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Confession:

Merciful God,
You see deep into our hearts
and know us better than we know ourselves.
Forgive us we pray.
For the times we turn away from Your word,
remind us that You are the Lord our God,
our eternal protector and guide.
For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite,
grant us Your healing peace.
For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity and mercy,
inspire us with Your compassionate love.

Assurance:

*Welcome now the abundant grace of God:
in Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
And let God's love comfort and heal your soul.*

Redeeming God,
in You, we are always welcome and accepted,
always forgiven and renewed.
Draw us closer to You, today and always. Amen.

- *Written by Gill LeFevre*

Invitation for Personal Prayers

*We invite you to offer up your own prayers in this time.
Whether silently or spoken out loud, praying for yourselves,
our community, country and world in this time.*

Text: Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—

with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul.

- read by Ron Wiens

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Song: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple
We should take him at his word,
And our lives would be illumined
By the presence of our Lord.

(Verse 3 not included in the recording, but here for you to read)

*Troubled souls, why will you scatter
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts! why will you wander
From a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior,
There is healing in his blood.*

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Benediction:

If God kept track of all our mistakes—
the harmful things we say and do,
the callous way we sometimes treat the people around us,
the selfishness that puts our needs ahead of the needs of others—
if God kept track, what chance would we have?

But with unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness—
complete forgiveness that erases our sins completely,
and allows us to begin again.
So be at peace – your sins are forgiven!
Praise be to God!

- Written by Christine Longhurst