

The Order for the Worship of God

January 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
(Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (Please turn your cell phone to “silent” mode. Thank you!)

Piano Prelude Deborah Davis

Call to Worship from Psalm 34

PASTOR: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

ALL: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*Hymn #167 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* words on back and on screen

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:1-11

Sermon Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer followed by your personal prayer of confession to God

Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I bow before the wonder and mystery of one God in three persons, who from all eternity have loved, glorified, and served one another in perfect harmony and joy. That you would create man in your image to share in that joy is beyond my comprehension. Even so, you have invited me, called me, and wooed me, into the Dance of Life as it was meant to be lived now and throughout eternity. Forgive me for my persistence of wanting to be served rather than to serve, wanting to be loved and accepted, rather than to show love and acceptance, wanting to be the center of attention, and be made much of, rather than make you the epicenter of my existence and thus the source of life, joy, and peace. Forgive me for the greatest of all sins – self-exalting pride. Thank you, Father, for choosing me to be your child. Thank you, Jesus, for the price you paid to make me a child of God the Father. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving me life even though I was born spiritually dead. Thank you for inviting me to “dance” with you in this life and in the next. Amen.

*Hymn #479 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* words on back and on screen

Postlude Deborah Davis

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DR. SILMAN’S SERMONS are prerecorded and aired at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) each Sunday. They are also emailed to those who are unable to attend worship in person. If you would like to receive the sermon by email and are not currently a recipient, please contact Leigh Lipsi to be added to the list (leighlipsi@gmail.com).

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN benefitting The Center for Women begins Sunday, January 17th. The return date on the bottles will be February 28th. Last year, an amazing \$27,000 was received as believers across the city and county stuffed the bottles with coins, cash, and/or checks. Due to COVID-19 the Spring Life Banquet and the 5k Reindeer Run (two important fund-raisers) were cancelled last year; nevertheless, there were 455 client visits, 7 fathers were mentored in our Fatherhood Ministry. Twenty-one babies were given life, and twenty women were given a free ultrasound which greatly influenced their decision to give life to their newly developing baby. Robin Moffitt says, “We are thankful to be a part of this life-saving and life-changing work. Through your support of this ministry, you also share an integral part of saving lives.”

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike in work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY, JESUS IS CALLING

**Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, from the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain: Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling. Calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Oh! For the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon. Pardon for you and for me.**

Refrain