

# *The Order for the Worship of God*

March 7, 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!)

Prelude Deborah Davis

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

PASTOR: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn #347 *The Church’s One Foundation* words on back and on screen

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Mark 2:18-3:6

Sermon Series on Mark #10 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read and reflect on these words of James I. Packer and then confess your sins to God.

All my knowledge of (God) depends on his sustained initiative in knowing me. I know him because he first knew me and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me, and there is no moment when his eye is off me, or his attention is distracted from me and no moment, therefore, when his care falters. This is momentous knowledge. There is unspeakable comfort – the sort of comfort that energizes, be it said, not enervates – in knowing that God is constantly taking knowledge of me in love and watching over me for my good. There is tremendous relief in knowing that his love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench his determination to bless me. There is, certainly, great cause for humility in the thought that he sees all the twisted things about me that my fellow human beings do not see (and I am glad!), and that he sees more corruption in me than that which I see in myself (which, in all conscience, is enough). There is, however, equally great incentive to worship and love God in the thought that, for some unfathomable reason, he wants me as his friend, and desires to be my friend, and has given his Son to die for me in order to realize this purpose. (Knowing God, pp. 41-42).

The Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #170 *Fairest Lord Jesus* 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.

**INVITATION TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** – All baptized believers in Christ Jesus who are members in good standing (communing members) of any evangelical church are invited to participate.

**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](http://www.wsql.info)) or on the church’s webpage each Sunday. They are also emailed to those who are unable to attend worship.

**DEACONS’ FUND THANK YOU** from Rev. Doug and Cathy Tilley. In 2009 Doug was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) which necessitated his retirement as pastor of Malvern Hills PCA in West Asheville in 2011. Doug’s medical expenses are significant, and his disability insurance was exhausted in 2015. For the past several years the Deacons have sent an annual gift to the Tilleys, this year in the amount of \$1,500. Here’s the last thank you to our Deacons from Doug: “Dear Brothers in Christ, Cathy and I thank you so much for the recent gift you have given us for my Medical Fund. In the last few years, the Lord has moved upon your hearts to give us a number of generous gifts that have come at just the right time! Even though you have never met us, you have followed the Lord’s leading to help make provision for our needs. Even though we have never met you, we see you as a group of men chosen by the Lord and His church at Cornerstone to lead your congregation and help provide for the needs of others. In our case, the Lord has led you to help us with financial needs for my medical care which regularly go beyond our means of providing for those needs by ourselves. Again, we thank you for serving us on behalf of Christ. Pressing on by God’s grace – Doug and Cathy Tilley (Hebrews 12:1-2)”

## **THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.**

**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.**

## **FAIREST LORD JESUS**

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee, will I cherish, thee, will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now, and forever more be thine.**