# designed for Dignity The Tower of Babel For Man's Glory Every attempt of man to build

Every attempt of man to build his own ultimate city and kingdom will end in chaos. Any success we enjoy will be shortlived, for the Lord will bring into judgment every hidden thing, every secret thought (Eccl. 12:14). Nothing built for the glory of man will survive His scrutiny. But what is done for God's glory will endure forever. R. C. Sproul

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Welcome

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### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

### \* GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 117 (Pew Bible, p. 649)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

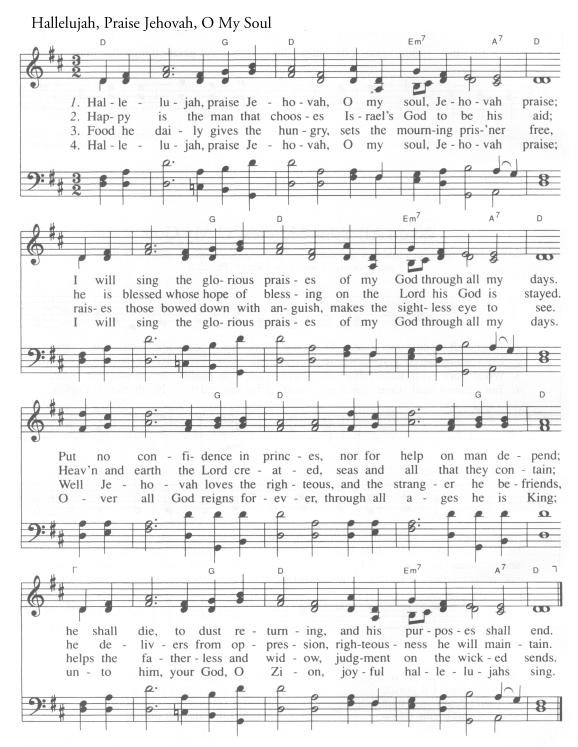
All: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

\* Hymn (Trinity #57) — Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (music next p)

# \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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### \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

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The Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 104. What are the duties required in the first commandment?

A. The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in any thing he is offended; and walking humbly with him.

# \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### ELDER DAVID ROSE

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Old Testament reading — Psalm 2 (Pew Bible, p. 568)

- Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- <sup>3</sup> "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."
- He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

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Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,

and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son,

lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 2 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN** (followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Almighty God,

unto whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden—

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

so that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

### Assurance of Pardon

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 1:18 (Pew Bible, p. 721)

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### WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

## WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



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Offertory Response — Ain't Got Time to Die (Words and Music by Hall Johnson)

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus, Ain' got time to die. 'Cause when I'm healin' de sick, I'm praising my Jesus, Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus, all o' my time to praise my Lord. If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, "Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin' fer de Kingdom, Ain' got time to die. 'Cause when I'm feedin' de po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom, Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes ...

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master, Ain' got time to die. 'Cause when I'm givin' my all I'm servin' my Master, ain' got time to die,

'Cause it takes ...

Now, won't you git out o' ma way, lemme praise my Jesus? Git out o' ma way! Lemme praise my Lord. If I don't praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, "Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die!

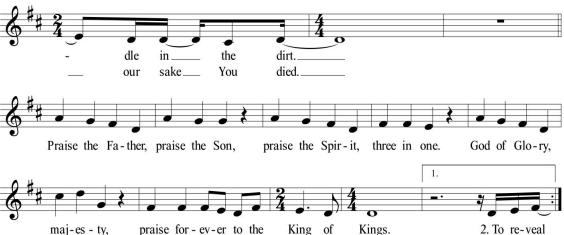
# \*Song — King of Kings (music next pages)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.

Parents please pick up children after the service.

CHANCEL and **GRACE AND PEACE** Choirs DONOVAN WARSHAW, Solo





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### GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Tower of Babel - For Man's Glory — Genesis 10:8–12; 11:1–9 (Pew Bible, p. 9; 10)

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<sup>10:8</sup> Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." <sup>10</sup> The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. <sup>11</sup> From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and <sup>12</sup> Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

<sup>11:1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 10:8–12; 11:1–9 (ESV)

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We are scheduled to celebrate the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day during the morning worship service. Let us therefore follow Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 to partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner by examining ourselves before the Lord. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states, "It is required of those who would receive rightly the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves as to their knowledge of the meaning and object of this sacrament, their faith to feed upon Christ, and their repentance, love and new obedience; for coming in an unworthy manner would bring judgement on themselves" (Answer 97).





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# **GATHER** — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

# DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. New study: "Created For Worship" by Jason Helopoulos.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP—Resumes January 17, 2024

# SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—David & Jill Martin—MTW: Ukraine (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

## Attendance and Financial Commitment Information for December 25, 2022

(Attendance and Financial information for December 24 was not available at time of printing)



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