

3.Crown Him the Lord of life!
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

4.Crown Him the Lord of heav'n!
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne,
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days
Adored and magnified

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joshua Dobi

(WN) Reformed worship moves quickly to confession because each of us has fallen short of God's glory and ought to bring our brokenness to Him before hearing scripture. The prayers in this section of worship are designed to fit today's scripture, the needs of the world and ourselves. They give voice to the voiceless, and enlarge our vision for God's kingdom.

Gracious and Loving God, we sin without giving it a second thought. We confess faith, yet live as practical atheists. We are indifferent to Your Word and deaf to Your Spirit. We condone evil not only in ourselves, but in others. Often, we do not think of You at all in our choices, words, and actions. We have exchanged Your truth for a lie, and worship idols of our own making. Forgive us and make us clean, O Lord. Renew us so that we may hear and obey Your call on our lives. Help us to live in Your grace and for Your glory. Now hear us as we bring to You our confessions in silence...

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* GLORIA PATRI

* STATEMENT OF OUR COMMON FAITH

The Nicene Creed

(WN) This summer we will be using the two historic creeds of the church. Today's creed, the Nicene Creed, was written in the 4th century. However, it is not without controversy! During the 5th century church fathers added the "filioque" clause, which affirmed the Spirit proceeds from both the Father AND the Son. This defines traditional Western Trinitarian theology.

Orthodox Churches still retain the original version of the Nicene Creed with the following text: "And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets." This version maintains a slight distinction between the Father and the Son, saying that the Spirit comes from the Father not the Son. This controversy ultimately created a breach in the church (1054 AD) that still exists between Western and Eastern rite churches.

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN (Children in grades Preschool - 3rd may leave for Children's Worship)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

(WN) One of the ways that we worship God is through giving. God has given us all we have and we are stewards of it. By returning to God His tithe and our offering, we surrender the first portion of what we have. With these offerings Bethel supports outreach ministries to the Charlotte region, international mission, and helps to connect children, youth, and adults to Jesus.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

So Much God"

Craig Edwards

Witness

* THE DOXOLOGY

* THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Joshua Dobi

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Rev. 1:9-20

(WN) The scripture and sermon are the centerpieces of the worship service. The word "sermon" comes from Latin "sermo" for "talk." This teaching helps us both to understand scripture's meaning and to apply its meaning today.

SERMON

Churchology 101: Who's in Charge?

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FROM WORSHIP INTO SERVICE

* CLOSING HYMN #74

"Majesty"

Majesty

Worship His majesty

Unto Jesus be all glory,

Honor and praise

Majesty

Kingdom authority

Flow from His throne

Unto His own

His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high

The name of Jesus

Magnify, come glorify

Christ Jesus the King

Majesty

Worship His majesty

Jesus who died, now glorified

King of all kings

* CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

(WN) We move from this worship service to a life of discipleship. God is with us, helping us to make an impact for Him through our daily rhythms.

* POSTLUDE

"Postlude for a Festive Occasion"

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