



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Worship Service

Welcome & Call to Worship

Revelation 4:1-11

Pastoral Intern John Griffiths

Leader: At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

People: And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Leader: The twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

All: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Worship in Song

DOXOLOGY (GOD BE PRAISED)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW

PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOST
PRAISE FATHER SON AND HOLY GHOST

PRAISE THE FATHER
PRAISE THE SON
PRAISE THE SPIRIT NOW WITH US
EVERY MOMENT
ALL OUR DAYS
GOD BE PRAISED
OH GOD BE PRAISED

PRAISE GOD WITH MORNING'S BREAKING LIGHT
PRAISE HIM THROUGH DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT
PRAISE HIM WITH EVERY BREATH OF LIFE
PRAISE HIM MY SOUL WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

PRAISE GOD WHEN FACE TO FACE WE SEE
THE ONE WHO DIED TO SET US FREE
THE ONE WHO ROSE IN VICTORY
PRAISE NOW FOREVER CHRIST OUR KING

PRAISE YOU FATHER
WE PRAISE YOU SON
PRAISE YOU SPIRIT NOW WITH US
EVERY MOMENT
ALL OUR DAYS
GOD BE PRAISED
OH GOD BE PRAISED

GOD BE PRAISED
OH GOD BE PRAISED
GOD BE PRAISED
OUR GOD BE PRAISED

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
EARLY IN THE MORNING OUR SONG SHALL RISE TO THEE. HOLY,
HOLY, HOLY! MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY!
GOD IN THREE PERSONS, BLESSED TRINITY!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! ALL THE SAINTS ADORE THEE,
CASTING DOWN THEIR GOLDEN CROWNS AROUND THE GLASSY
SEA. CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM FALLING DOWN BEFORE THEE,

WHO WERT, AND ART, AND EVERMORE SHALT BE.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! THOUGH THE DARKNESS HIDE THEE, THOUGH
THE EYE OF SINFUL MAN THY GLORY MAY NOT SEE, ONLY THOU
ART HOLY, THERE IS NONE BESIDE THEE, PERFECT IN POW'R, IN
LOVE, AND PURITY.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
ALL THY WORKS SHALL PRAISE THY NAME IN EARTH AND SKY AND
SEA. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY!
GOD IN THREE PERSONS, BLESSED TRINITY!

HOLY FOREVER

A THOUSAND GENERATIONS FALLING DOWN IN WORSHIP
TO SING THE SONG OF AGES TO THE LAMB
AND ALL WHO'VE GONE BEFORE US
AND ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE
WILL SING THE SONG OF AGES TO THE LAMB

(JESUS) YOUR NAME IS THE HIGHEST
YOUR NAME IS THE GREATEST
YOUR NAME STANDS ABOVE THEM ALL
ALL THRONES AND DOMINIONS
ALL POWERS AND POSITIONS
YOUR NAME STANDS ABOVE THEM ALL

AND THE ANGELS CRY HOLY
ALL CREATION CRIES HOLY
YOU ARE LIFTED HIGH HOLY
HOLY FOREVER

IF YOU'VE BEEN FORGIVEN AND IF YOU'VE BEEN REDEEMED
SING THE SONG FOREVER TO THE LAMB
IF YOU WALK IN FREEDOM AND IF YOU BEAR HIS NAME
SING THE SONG FOREVER TO THE LAMB
WE'LL SING THE SONG FOREVER AND AMEN

HEAR YOUR PEOPLE SING HOLY
TO THE KING OF KINGS HOLY
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE HOLY
HOLY FOREVER

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE HOLY

HOLY FOREVER

**Community Time
Giving**

Bethany LaShell
Pastoral Intern John Griffiths

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Intern John Griffiths

Scripture Reading

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Revelation 4:1-5:14

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits[a] of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being."

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits[a] of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign[b] on the earth."

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Worship the Worthy Only

Overcome: A Sermon Series in Revelation

Revelation 4:1-5:14

1. Worship the Sovereign God who Is Holy and Worthy as Creator (4:1-11)
Application - Cast your crowns before the Lord God.
2. The Crisis of Worthiness to Judge and Save Creation (5:1-4)
Application- Weep at brokenness and corruption of the world - but not without hope.
3. The Lamb Alone Is Worthy to Judge and Save (5:5-10)
Application- The cross reaches all kinds of men across all times.
Application- You are a kingdom of priests.
Application- You will reign with Christ forever.
4. Worship the Father and the Lamb with All Creation (5:11-14)
Application for the Unbeliever - Jesus is your only shot at justice and a real future.
Application for the Believer - In light of the highest excellencies of the world, worship the Lamb who is worthy.

Confession of Sin & Gospel Assurance

Pastor Josh Creason

Confession of Sin

Father God,

With the angels of heaven we pray holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty. Like so many who experienced your holy presence, we bow before you knowing our unholiness. With Isaiah we say "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" Have mercy upon us through the finished work of Christ at the cross. Cleanse us through the blood of the Lamb so we might be transformed into a kingdom of priests for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession.**

Gospel Assurance

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 1:5-6

Lord's Supper

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Song of Response

REVELATION SONG

WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN, HOLY HOLY IS HE
SING A NEW SONG TO HIM WHO SITS ON, HEAVEN'S MERCY SEAT
(REPEAT)

HOLY HOLY HOLY, IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME
WITH ALL CREATION I SING, PRAISE TO THE KING OF KINGS
YOU ARE MY EV'RYTHING, AND I WILL ADORE YOU

CLOTHED IN RAINBOWS OF LIVING COLOR
FLASHES OF LIGHTNING ROLLS OF THUNDER
BLESSING AND HONOR, STRENGTH AND
GLORY AND POWER BE TO YOU THE ONLY WISE KING

FILLED WITH WONDER AWESTRUCK WONDER
AT THE MENTION OF YOUR NAME
JESUS YOUR NAME IS POWER BREATH AND LIVING WATER
SUCH A MARV'LOUS MYSTERY

Benediction

Pastor Dean Faulkner