

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 2, 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 8

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*Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.*

*\* indicates please stand as you are able.*

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jason Stuart**

**PRELUDE**

**“Lord, As In Thy Presence”**

**Organ**

*John M. Rasley*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Jason Stuart**

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today  
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation  
to worship the evil one.

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,  
he endured the shame of the cross,

and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Now are gathered in him all the treasures  
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.

With the saints of all ages we say,

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,**

**to receive power and wealth and wisdom**

**and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

—based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

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**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

**“ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH”**

*(Hymn #8)*

**(VERSE 1)**

All glory be to God on high  
and thanks to him forever!

Whatever Satan's host may try,  
God foils their dark endeavor.

He bends his ear to every call  
and offers peace, good will to all,  
and calms the troubled spirit.

**(VERSE 2)**

O Father, for your lordship true  
we give you praise and honor;  
we worship you, we trust in you,  
we give you thanks forever.  
Your will is perfect, and your might  
relentlessly confirms the right;  
your lordship is our blessing.

**(VERSE 3)**

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, creation's author,  
redeemer of your wandering ones,  
and source of all true pleasure:  
O Lamb of God, O Lord divine,  
conform our lives to your design,  
and on us all have mercy.

**(VERSE 4)**

O Holy Spirit, perfect gift,  
who brings us consolation:  
to men and women saved by Christ  
assure your inspiration.  
Through sickness, need, and bitter death,  
grant us your warm, life-giving breath;  
our lives are in your keeping.

**“SHINE JESUS SHINE”**

**(VERSE 1)**

Lord the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

**(CHORUS)**

**Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy**

**Send forth your word Lord  
And let there be light**

**(VERSE 2)**

Lord I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

**(VERSE 3)**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me shine on me

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**TIME OF PRAYER**

**Karen Colvin**

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**Call to Confession**

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good  
so that all people might be saved from sin.  
Let us then confess our need for grace,  
confident of God's forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God,  
we confess that our love for you and for others  
has not been genuine.**

**We have not held fast to what is good,  
and we have lagged in affection for our  
brothers and sisters.**

**We have not been patient in suffering,  
nor have we persevered in prayer.  
We have repaid evil for evil  
and have failed to live peaceably with all.**

**Forgive us our sin,  
free us from fear of the power of evil,  
and help us trust in the power of your**

**everlasting goodness;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, hear the good news:  
Christ has broken the power of sin and evil  
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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**SONG OF WORSHIP:**

*please remain seated*

**"SHIELD ABOUT ME"**

**(VERSE)**

Thou O Lord  
Are a shield about me  
You're my glory  
You're the lifter of my head  
Thou O Lord  
Are a shield about me  
You're my glory  
You're the lifter of my head

**(CHORUS)**

**Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
You're the lifter of my head  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
You're the lifter of my head**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Carole Stuart**

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

**Karen Colvin**

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**Invitation to the Offering**

The apostle Paul encourages us:  
do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,

serve the Lord.  
In loving service to this loving Lord,  
we now return to God a portion of the bounty  
God has provided

**\*Doxology**

**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. Amen.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Almighty God,  
receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts  
and use us for your ministry in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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*At this time you may bring your offering and light a candle at the  
front or back of the sanctuary.*

**Offertory**

**"Aria Da Chiesa"**  
*Giambattista Martini*

**Organ**

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURES**

**Mike Helland**

**Ecclesiastes 2:12–16** (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> "Then I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom,  
and also madness and folly.

What more can the king's successor do  
than what has already been done?

<sup>13</sup> I saw that wisdom is better than folly,  
just as light is better than darkness.

<sup>14</sup> The wise have eyes in their heads,  
while the fool walks in the darkness;

but I came to realize  
that the same fate overtakes them both.

<sup>15</sup> Then I said to myself,  
"The fate of the fool will overtake me also.

What then do I gain by being wise?"  
I said to myself,

“This too is meaningless.”

<sup>16</sup> For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered; the days have already come when both have been forgotten.

Like the fool, the wise too must die!

**Romans 12:9–21** (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**MESSAGE**

**Dave Colvin**

**“A Midsummer Heresy”**

**\*SONG OF WORSHIP:**

**“BE THOU MY VISION”**

*(Hymn #532)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

**(VERSE 2)**

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

**(VERSE 3)**

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**BENEDICTION**

**Dave Colvin**

**POSTLUDE**

**“March in D”**

**Organ**

*George Blake*

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**In the pulpit today:** Dave Colvin, an ordained elder serving on Session here at Knox, spent 21 years on active duty service with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Now blissfully retired, Dave enjoys reading, healthy meals, and a variety of outdoor activities that include playing with his Labrador retriever and scouting with Troop 22. He and his wife, Karen, have four sons, a daughter-in-law, and an adorable grandson.

**Today’s Lectionary Readings**

**Genesis 22:1–14**

**Romans 6:12–23**

**Psalms 13**

**Matthew 10:40–42**