

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 10, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

Today's sermon teaches how we are no longer under law, but under grace. There are relatively few poets and composers whose hymns have represented or taught the Calvinist positions of law and grace. Certainly, the largest body of hymns would be considered neutral on these positions and are common to many denominations, even sung by both Catholic and Protestants. However such names as Issac Watts, John Newton, and Augustus Toplady, rise to the top as those who best represent the doctrines of grace, and whose hymns are numerous enough to even today affect the landscape of worship in our churches. Although Watt's "Joy to the World," Newton's "Amazing Grace" and Toplady's "Rock of Ages" are sung universally, each of these have lesser known hymns that fully and unequivocally support their positions as Calvinists.

This morning every hymn sung will be from the pen of Augustus M. Toplady. He was a staunch Calvinist and took strong public exception to the positions espoused by his contemporaries, John and Charles Wesley. In fact his poem, "Rock of Ages" was within an article he wrote to debate Wesley on the work of grace and forgiveness.

As you prepare for worship, please read through the text of the hymns you will be singing in this service. As you meditate on their meaning, may they inform, guide, and comfort you in preparation for worship today.

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Prelude

"Concertato in F"
Douglass McFarland, organist

Henry Purcell

Choral Call to Worship

"Rock of Ages"
with commentary on Augustus Toplady, Dave Leeman

REDHEAD

***Call to Worship**

from Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-6

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Minister: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

People: waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession.

Minister: We were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

People: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Hymn of Adoration, No. 500 "Rock of Ages" NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

*Affirmation of Faith from Westminster Confession of Faith, IX, XIV, XV Mr. McCracken

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts....**The principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace...**When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, he frees him from his natural bondage under sin; and by his grace alone enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good; yet because of his remaining corruption, he does not perfectly or only will that which is good, but does also will that which is evil..**There is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation; even so there is no sin so great that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.**

*Hymn of Praise "Grace, 'Tis a Charming Sound"

LEOMINSTER

1. Grace, 'tis a charm - ing sound, har - mo - nious to my ear;
 2. Grace first in - scribed my name in God's e - ter - nal book;
 3. Grace all the work shall crown, through ev - er - last - ing days;

heav'n with the e - cho shall re - sound, and all the earth shall hear.
 'Twas grace that gave me to the Lamb, who all my sor - rows took.
 it lays in heav'n the top - most stone, and well de - serves the praise.

Grace first pre - pared the way to save re - bel - lious man;
 Grace led my rov - ing feet to tread the heav' - nly road;
 O let Thy grace in - spire my soul with strength di - vine,

and all the steps that grace dis - play which drew the won - drous plan.
 and new sup - plies each hour I meet, while press - ing on to God.
 my all my powers to Thee as - pire, and all my days be Thine.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. John Krieger, *Ruling Elder*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10

Elder: *Rest in these assuring words of assurance for all those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ.*

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them!

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I
 The work which your good - ness be - gan, the arm of your strength will com -
 My name from the palms of your hands. e - ter - ni - ty will not e -
 sing. I come with your right - eous - ness on, my hum - ble of - fr'ing to bring
 plete. Your prom - ise is yes, and a - men, and ne'er was for - feit - ed yet.
 rase. Im - pressed on your heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace.
 — The judg - ments of your ho - ly law with me can have noth - ing to do. My
 — The fu - ture or things that are now, no pow - er be - low or a - bove, can
 — Yes, I to the end will en dure, un - til I bow down at your throne, for -
 Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions.
 make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my soul from
 ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to mer - cy
 from view. (last time only)
 your love.
 a - lone. for - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to
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Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Mr. Krieger

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering, Hymn No. 176 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

IN BABILONE

Trinity Choir, stanzas 1-3; Congregation, stanza 4

*Hail thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
 Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
 Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
 By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.*

*Pachal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
 By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
 All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;*

Opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God.

*Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading; there thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.*

4. Wor-ship, hon-or, pow'r and bless-ing thou art wor-thy to re-ceive;
loud-est prais-es, with-out ceas-ing, meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright an-gel-ic spir-its, bring your sweet-est, no-blest lays;
help to sing our Sav-ior's mer-its, help to chant Em-man-uel's praise!

***The Offering Consecration**

Mr. McCracken

***The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Service of Friendship**

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101. At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

Romans 7:1-12
ESV Pew Bible, page 943

The Morning Sermon

"A Destructive Marriage Ended"
How we are no longer under law but under grace.

*Hymn of Response

"Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace"

FOREST GREEN

1. Foun - tain of nev - er ceas - ing grace, your saints' ex - haust-less theme,
 2. In you we have a right - ous - ness by God him - self ap - proved;
 3. As all, when A - dam sinned a - lone, in his trans - gres - sion died,
 Great ob - ject of im - mor - tal praise, es - sen - tial - ly su - preme.
 Our rock, our sure foun - da - tion this, which nev - er can be moved.
 so by the right-ous - ness of One are sin - ners just - i - fied;
 We bless you for the glo - rious fruits your in - car - na - tion gives,
 Our ran - som by your death was paid, for all your peo - ple giv'n,
 We to your mer - it gra - cious Lord, with humb-lest joy sub - mit,
 the right-ous-ness which grace im - putes, and faith a - lone re - ceives.
 the law you per - fect - ly o - beyed, that they might en - ter heav'n.
 a - gain to par - a - dise re - stored, in you a - lone com - plete.

*Charge and Benediction

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The law requires that almost everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 9:22, 10:19

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful!

Hebrews 10:23

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist