

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### A Word to Worshippers

There is a certain delusion that we often believe. It is the delusion that we are in control of our lives. We believe that if we work hard and carefully plan for the future, then we will always be safe. God commends planning and says that failure to plan for the future is foolishness. Yet, there is a dangerous attitude that can surround our plans: that we are in control of our lives and that we determine our futures. Only God guides our lives and makes our future. The life control lie feeds pride and anxiety. The solution to the life control delusion is to know and trust God. Today we will humble ourselves before the Lord and acknowledge him as our Sovereign King and Good Father.

Prepare now for worship by bowing your heart before God. Tell him that you want to give your life completely to Him today. Tell him that He alone guides and directs your step and that your trust and confidence is only in Him. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to pour enough grace into your heart now that you will delight in Him and not believe the life control lie anymore.

### Prelude

PSALM 103, "O Bless the Lord My Soul" *adapted by Gregory Wilbur*  
*based on SHEPHERD, Southern Harmony*

Ray Nowell, leader

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you pro-claim!  
2. He will not al-ways chide; He will with pa-tience wait;  
3. He clothes you with His love; up-holds you with His truth;

And all that is with-in me join to bless His ho-ly name.  
His wrath is ev-er slow to rise, and read-y to a-bate.  
and like the ea-gle He re-news the vig-or of your youth.

O bless the Lord, my soul, His mer-cies bear in mind.  
He par-dons all your sins; Pro-longs your fee-ble breath;  
Then bless His ho-ly Name, whose grace has made you whole,

For-get not all His ben-e-fits; the Lord to you is kind.  
He heals all your in-firm-i-ties, and ran-soms you from death.  
whose lov-ing-kind-ness crowns your days. O bless the Lord my soul!

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Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

**\*Call to Worship**

**Isaiah 40: 21-23; Psalm 8**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits  
above the circle of the earth and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who  
stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;  
who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

People: **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars  
that you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son  
of man that you care for him?  
O Lord, our Lord! How majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 24**

**"Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty"**

MAJESTAS

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**"Tell Out My Soul" (*Magnificat*)**

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**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his Word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forevermore!**

God the Creator sustains, directs, sets end purposes and governs all creatures, events and things. This includes everything from the greatest to the least. Informed by his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable purpose of his own choice, God exercises his completely wise and holy directive oversight.

**God, the first cause, foreknows all events and ordains them immutably and infallibly. By this same sovereignty, God orders events according to the nature of secondary causes, either necessarily, randomly or contingently.**

In his directive oversight, God normally uses the means of secondary causes and effects. However, he is free to work without, above and against them as it pleases him.

**God's directive oversight declares and makes known his almighty strength, inexhaustible wisdom and infinite goodness. His directive oversight is not a mere permission, but includes his utterly wise and powerful fixing of boundaries. He does whatever he purposes to govern, thus effecting his own holy ends. Clearly, however, sinfulness comes from the creature alone, not from God. Being most holy and righteous, God neither authors nor approves of sin.**

**Public Confession of Sin**

Psalm 16:18, Proverbs 21:4, I John 2:16 Mr. Joe Gage, *Ruling Elder*

**Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.**

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Pardon**

*Elder: Hear what sweet words of comfort the Lord gives to all those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land... Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you. II Chronicles 7:14; James 4:10

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers for Christ's Church and the World**

Mr. Gage

**The Mercy Offering**

Ron Bowser, *Deacon*

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Musical Offering**

**"So Much to Sing About"**

*text by Jaroslav J. Vajda*

Trinity Choir, directed by Eric Baesel, Douglass McFarland, organist

*So much to sing about, so much to praise you for, so much I cannot live without and so much more: at which display of majesty the very stones are moved to shout! So much to sing about: once orphaned and alone, how could I dare believe the news that you would come to live and die for me, and so make sure my welcome home. So much to sing about: your wisdom, might and love, that even threescore years and ten are not enough to count your gifts and search beneath the surface of your treasure-trove. So much to sing about: all I have seen and heard, your glory in my talents' use my best reward: that others sing with me: "It is the Lord!"*

**The Offering Consecration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**\*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**

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.*

*Please locate the black Friendship Pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the row, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

**Extending the Gospel Moment**

The Rev. Dan Faber

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

