

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Preparation for Worship

Today is *Sanctity of Life Sunday*, celebrated in churches all across the nation. On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in support of abortion; *Roe v. Wade* changed the course of American history. For some, when the anniversary of that day comes, there is a celebration in their heart. However, for those who cherish life, we look at that day as a tragedy as we turn even harder to building a culture of life. Many pastors around the nation see the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* as the day to focus on the sanctity, the very preciousness, of life. This day is known nationally as *Sanctity of Life Sunday*; and since its first Presidential Proclamation in 1984 the pro-life movement has energized the hearts of millions.

*"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts ~ a child ~ as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."*

Mother Teresa

"But the dignity of human life is unbreakably linked to the existence of the personal-infinite God. It is because there is a personal-infinite God who has made men and women in His own image that they have a unique dignity of life as human beings. Human life then is filled with dignity, and the state and humanistically oriented law have no right and no authority to take human life arbitrarily in the way it is being taken."

Francis Schaeffer

"Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life. To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude

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

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-logs 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. Michael Wichlan

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:9-12, 18, 22

Minister: "Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a pot among earthen pots. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'? Woe to him who says to his father, 'What have you begotten?' or to his mother, 'What have you brought to birth?'"

People This is what the LORD says-- the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:
 "Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands? It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts."

Minister: For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it, he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!).

People: "I am the Lord and there is no other....Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

***Hymn of Adoration**

"Praise to You Giver of Life"

ITALIAN HYMN

Praise to you, giver of life, sharing with love and delight
all that you are—life in its loveliness, pleasures all measureless,
giving your very breath with all your heart!

Children of heavenly grace, each with a soul and a face,
born in your heart, sharing your dignity,
shaped for discovery, glimpsing eternity in every star!

Each one is precious to you. Each is a promise in bloom.
Lives great and small, children of every age, each in your image made;
May we love unafraid, Father of all!

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

*Hymn of Praise

"Loved Before the Dawn of Time"

Townend, Small

1. Loved be - fore the dawn of time, cho - sen - by my Ma - ker, hid - den in my Sa - vior:
 2. When I'm stained with guilt and sin, He is there to lift me, heal me and for - give me;
 3. All the chains of Sa - tan's curse lift - ed through His off - ering, sat - is - fied through suf - fring:
 4. Stars will fade and moun - tains fall; Christ will shine for - ev - er, Love's un - fad - ing splen - dor

1. 4. (Fine)
 I am His and He is mine, che - rished for e - ter - ni - ty.
 Gives me strength to stand a - gain, strong - er than I was be -
 All the bless - ings He de - serves poured on my un - worth - y
 Earth and heaven will bow in awe, join - ing in sal - va - tion's song.

2. 3.
 fore. So with ev - 'ry breath that I am giv - en I will sing sal - va - tion's song; and I'll
 soul.

1. D.S. 2.
 join the cho - rus of cre - a - tion giv - ing praise to Christ a - lone. lone. Sing - ing
 glo - ry, ho - nor, wis - dom, pow - er to the Lamb up - on the throne, Hal - le - lu - jah,
 I will lift Him high. Sing - ing
 I will sing with ev - 'ry breath that I am gi - ven I will sing sal - va - tion's
 to the beginning, vs. 4
 song; and I'll join the cho - rus of cre - a - tion giv - ing praise to Christ a - lone.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Chuck Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

Gracious Father, giver of life, teach us to respect and love all the lives you create. We grieve the countless children lost to abortion. We confess we have not been salt and light in society to prevent this tragedy. Forgive our indifference and give us courage. Teach us to open our hearts, our homes and our church to mothers and fathers who are unable to cope with a pending birth. Burden our hearts to care for all life because we are made in your image, including the elderly who are so often forgotten. Our Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-10 and 13

Elder: *Hear the comforting words of God!*

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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. Rehlin

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" *arr. Alan Petker*
Trinity Choir, directed by Dave Leeman, Douglass McFarland, pianist

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands, He's got the unborn baby in His hands, He's got the mothers and the fathers in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands. And I praise God I'm in his hands. He's got you and me brother...sister in His hands...He's got everybody here in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. John McCracken

***Doxology**

THE NEW 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.**

***The Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Extending the Gospel Moment

Glen and Mary Ellen, East Asia

***Service of Friendship**

Mr. McCracken

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. Wichlan

***Scripture Reading**

Psalm 139
ESV Pew Bible, page 521

The Morning Sermon

“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”

Response to Life

Interview with Mrs. Danielle Hanson, Executive Director
Ministry Partner - “Real Options for Women”

***Hymn of Response**

“Life is a Gift From God”

DIADEMATA

Life is a gift from God,
Who ordered all my days
And wrote them in His Book of Life
So I could give Him praise!
He guards and still preserves
That Life He gave to me,
And loves me with a Father's love
And will eternally!
Life is a Holy Gift
Which God alone can give.
He sets before us death and life
Choose life that you might live!
For God has sent His Son
Who could have come a King,
But chose a mother's womb instead
Eternal life to bring.

Go now proclaiming Life,
to those who have not found
eternal life, and grace to live
when choices weigh them down.
Awake your souls and sing of Him who died for thee,
and praise Him as your matchless King throughout eternity.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16, 24-25

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

**indicates to please stand, if able.*