

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### A Word to Worshippers

It has been said that the Epistle of James is a book of great practical advice...a kind of Proverbs of the New Testament. Instead of the heavy doctrines such as we studied in Romans, this book offers certainty of practical faith when you go to work tomorrow morning. These truths are clear, pithy expressions of Christianity. Similarly, the purpose of our acts of worship preceding the Message is to provide solid down-to-earth words of worship. Avoiding clichés, the hymns of adoration and praise are clear expressions of God at work in our lives for which we praise him. "When Trials Come," a new, modern hymn, speaks personal application from James 1 and will be repeated through coming weeks so that the passage will go deep into our sub-conscious on the path of a memorable melody. From the familiar Psalm 23 to spirituals and gospel songs, today's worship covers the gamut of expressing practical faith. May you depart with a renewed faith to "lean on God's everlasting arms."

### Meditations for Worship

*You must submit to supreme suffering in order to discover the completion of joy.* John Calvin

*Out of the fullness of God the Father you have been blessed with large numbers and are predestined from eternity to enjoy forever continual and unfading glory. The source of your unity and election is genuine suffering, which you undergo by the will of the Father and of Jesus Christ, our God. Hence, you deserve to be considered happy.*

*Joy in God in the midst of suffering makes the worth of God – the all-satisfying glory of God – shine more brightly than it would through our joy at any other time. Sunshine happiness signals the value of sunshine. But happiness in suffering signals the value of God. Suffering and hardship joyfully accepted in the path of obedience to Christ show the supremacy of Christ more than all our faithfulness in fair day.*

*John Piper*

*I walked a mile with Pleasure;  
She chattered all the way,  
But left me none the wiser for all she had to say.*

Robert Browning Hamilton

*I walked a mile with Sorrow;  
and ne'er a word said she;  
but, oh, the things I learned from her  
when sorrow walked with me.*

### Prelude

"I Have A Savior"

*Ira Sankey*

Mr. Douglass McFarland, organist *Arr. Van Denman Thompson*

### Choral Introit

"O That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Arr. D. Leeman

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 126

Minister: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

**People: "The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad!"**

Minister: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**People: He who goes out weeping bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

**\*Hymns of Adoration, No. 22** "O That I Had a Thousand Voices" O DASS ICH TAUSEND  
**No. 89** "God is Our Strength and Refuge" DAM BUSTERS MARCH

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Psalm 23**

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. **He makes me lie down in green pastures.** He leads me beside still waters. **He restores my soul.** He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."**

**Heidelberg Catechism, No. 28**

- Q. What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by His providence does still uphold all things?
- A. **That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and that in all things, which may befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, that nothing shall separate us from His love, since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

\*Hymn of Praise

"When Trials Come"

Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. When tri - als come no lon - ger fear, for in the pain our
2. With - in the night I know Your peace, the breath of God brings
3. I turn to Wis - dom not my own for ev - 'ry bat - tle
4. When I am wea - ry with the cost I see the tri - umph
5. One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You



God draws near to fire a faith worth more than gold, and  
 strength to me. And new each morn - ing mer - cy flows as  
 You have known, My con - fi - dence will rest in You. Your  
 of the cross. So in it's sha - dow I shall run. 'Till  
 called me to; And in Your King - dom paved with gold I'll



there His faith - ful - ness is told, and there His faith - ful - ness is told.  
 trea - sures of the dark - ness grow, as trea - sures of the dark - ness grow.  
 love en - dures, Your ways are good. Your love en - dures Your ways are good.  
 You com - plete the work be - gun, 'till You com - plete the work be - gun.  
 praise Your faith - ful - ness of old, I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of old.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Rocky Freeman, *Ruling Elder*

Righteous Father,

We who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, We come asking your forgiveness.

We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.

We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.

We experience your grace, then act defeated.

We rely on your power, but only in hard times.

We have become confused and misguided.

Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.

Amen.

Silent Confession

**Declaration of Pardon**

*I Timothy 1:15 and I Peter 2:24*

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

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Prayer, No. 611**

**"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"**

*Spiritual*

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

Mr. Freeman

**The Mercy Offering**

Ron Bowser, *Deacon*

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Musical Offering**

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

*Thomas Moore, 1816*

*Trinity Choir*

*arr. Terre Johnson*

See Hymn No. 615

*Come ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish. Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel: here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Joy of the desolate, light of the staying. Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure." Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.*

**The Offering Consecration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Doxology**

DUKE STREET

**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**

Mr. Poteet

*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.*

