

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 24, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

### A Word to Worshippers

Trials and wisdom. What is the connection between those two words? Have you ever considered the familiar passage, “if any of you lack wisdom” in the context of surviving trials? We know it is possible to have knowledge without wisdom. Today our study in James invites us to what may be God’s greatest gift for those who suffer. As we sing and pray, may your increasing knowledge of the character of God be the strength that through wisdom becomes your sword and shield in the trials you will face this week.

### Meditations for Worship

*“Here is a notable difference between the godly and the wicked. It comes in the suffering of trials. The wicked, the more the Lord lays His hand on them, the more they murmur and rebel against God. The faithful, when they feel themselves overwhelmed with sin, turmoiled with the conflicts of Satan, when they feel the anger of God offended with them, they fling themselves into the arms of God’s mercy and they catch hold of the hand of God that is buffeting them and they kiss it.”*

An anonymous Puritan

*“Whatever trouble in this life a child of God meets with, it is all the hell he shall ever have.”*

Thomas Watson

*I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea come drifting home with broken masts and sails.  
I shall believe the hand which never fails, from seeming evil worketh good to me.  
And though I weep because those sails are battered,  
still will I cry while my best hopes lie shattered. I trust in Thee.*

*I will not doubt though all my prayers return unanswered from the still white realm above.  
I shall believe it is an all-wise love which has refused those things for which I yearn.  
And though at times I cannot keep from grieving,  
yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing undimmed shall burn.*

*I will not doubt though sorrows fall like rain and troubles swarm like bees about a hive.  
I shall believe the heights for which I strive are only reached by anguish and by pain.  
And though I groan and tremble with my crosses,  
I yet shall see through my severest losses the greater gain.*

*I will not doubt, well anchored in the faith like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale.  
So strong, its courage that it will not fail to breast the mighty unknown sea of death.  
O may I cry when body parts with spirit;  
I do not doubt so listening worlds may hear it with my last breath.*

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 1880

### Prelude

### Salut d’Amour (Op. 12)

Edward Elgar

Douglass McFarland, organist; Dave Leeman, pianist Arr. William Stickles

**Introit**

**"The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" (Psalm 27)**

*Francis Allitsen*

Julie Weston, soloist

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then, shall I fear? Whom then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then, shall I be afraid?  
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
And, though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.  
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.  
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me.  
And set me up, upon a rock of stone.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then, shall I fear? Whom then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then, shall I be afraid?  
Of whom then, shall I be afraid?

**Pastoral Welcome**

The Rev. John R. McCracken

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 111: 1-2, 9-10

Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

Minister: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

**People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

**\*Hymn of Adoration, No 119 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

FOREST GREEN

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Hymn of Consecration**

**"Lord of Creation"**

SLANE

Lord of creation, to you be all praise:  
most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind;  
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
 I praise and adore you for all you impart--  
 your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
 your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

\*Affirmation of Faith

Job 28:12-28

Mr. Poteet

“But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?  
 Man does not know its worth, and it is not found in the land of the living.

The deep says, ‘It is not in me,’ and the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’

It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price.  
 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls.

From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?

God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure, when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out.

And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

\*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. Joe Gage, *Ruling Elder*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are thankful that your mercy is  
higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.**

**Forgive our foolish ways and thoughtless actions,  
our doubt when trouble enters our homes,  
our worry and stress when our expectations are not met,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.**

**Help us to change our way of life  
so that we may desire what is good,  
love what you love,  
seek your wisdom,  
and do what you command,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Pardon**

II Corinthians 3:17-18

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

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

*My friends, in Jesus Christ we are set free and transformed! 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 Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Musical Offering**

**" My Jesus, I Love Thee"**  
*Trinity Choir, solo, Julie Weston*

*William R. Featherstone, 1862*  
*arr. Edwin Childs*

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon upon Calv'ry's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death. I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath. And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now." In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now! I surely love Thee now."

**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**

Mr. Wichlan

*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**

Mrs. Joanne Brown, Missions Committee chair

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**James 1:1-12**  
*ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1011*

**The Morning Sermon**

**"A Fellowship Seeking Wisdom"**

**Hymn of Response**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us--free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

*Proverbs 3:5-8*

**People: With God's help we will.**

Minister: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.

*Ephesians 1:17-18*

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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