

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

*"Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded... by the law of faith."*

*St. Paul*

*Faith is holding on to the faithfulness of God. Faith does not even look at itself. I go further. Faith is never interested in itself and never talks about itself. That to me is a very good test. I always distrust people who talk about their faith. That is the characteristic of the cults. They always direct attention to themselves. The emphasis is on the self. But faith looks at God, holds on to the faithfulness of God. Abraham 'gave glory to God'.*

*D. M. Lloyd Jones*

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

### Prelude

**"A Song of Glory"**

*arr. Jerry Van der Pol*

*Douglass McFarland, organ; Dave Leeman, piano*

### \*Gathering Song

**"When in Our Music God is Glorified"**

ENGLELBERG

*When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried,  
"Alleluia!"*

**So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
"Alleluia!"**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
"Alleluia!"**

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 34: 1-3**

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Minister: I will extol the LORD at all times: his praise will always be on my lips.

People: **My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice!**

Minister: Glory the LORD with me;

People: **And let us exalt his name together!**

Majesty, worship his majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
 Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.  
 So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
 Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
 Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings!

"Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning"

1. Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing, Sav - ior, Mas - ter King!  
 2. Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!  
 3. Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!  
 4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for - ev - er high in heaven a - bove!  
 5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long,

Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:  
 power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing, by your hum - ble birth.  
 death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied.  
 Sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love!  
 cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:

**Refrain**  
 Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
 Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
 O let me from this day be wholly thine.

Confession of Sin

Father, you have called us to follow you and live counter-cultural lives.  
 You have called us to let you shape our dreams,  
 our goals, our desires and our hearts.  
 However, we come to you this morning confessing that we have allowed our world  
 to shape us instead of you.  
 Where you desire us to serve, we have sought to be served.  
 Where you desire us to sacrifice, we have pursued comfort.  
 Where you have sought us to engage, we have remained aloof.  
 Where you have sought us as your children, we have lived as orphans.  
 Now, Father, accept our confession and receive us gladly.  
 We ask this not upon our deserving it, or even the honesty of our confession,  
 but for the sake of Jesus. You rejected Him, the innocent, in order to embrace us,  
 the guilty.  
 Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Elder: *Hear these words of declaration from God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God! *II Corinthians 5:21*

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Pardon, No. 528 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET  
Vs. 2

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

Hymn of Praise "Loved Before the Dawn of Time" Townend-Getty

1. Loved be - fore the dawn of time, cho - sen - by my Ma - ker, hid - den in my Sa - viour:  
 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 - fade - ing splen - dor

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.

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

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  
 D.S.

song; and I'll join the cho - rus of cre - a - tion giv - ing praise to Christ a - lone.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Michael Wichlan

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering            **"To the Praise of His Glorious Grace"**  
Trinity Choir; Douglass McFarland, keyboard

Michael W. Smith

*Let us praise the One who chose us, let us thank the One who knows us. Set apart, blameless in His sight, through the Son we have faith, we have life. To the praise of his glorious grace. May the God of our Lord, the Almighty Father give you wisdom and peace and His comforting Spirit, that you may know his hope, that you may know His riches, that you may know His mighty strength. To the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace. Grace and peace to you through Jesus, our Deliverer receives us. Our hearts created for His Word, our salvation spoken and we heard; to the praise of His glorious grace. May the God of our Lord, the Almighty Father give you wisdom and peace and His comforting Spirit, that you may know his hope, that you may know His riches, that you may know His mighty strength; to the praise of His glorious grace, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.*

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Wichlan

\*The 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.

\*The Passing of the Peace

Mr. Wichlan

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.*

\*Prayer for Illumination

Mr. McCracken

\*Scripture Reading

**Romans 3:27-4:8**  
Pew Bible, pg. 941

The Morning Sermon

**"The Opposite of Boasting is Faith"**  
*From the series "Romans: The Church Under Grace"*

**\*Hymn of Response, No. 252    “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

HAMBURG L.M.

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister:    Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength  
                  or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that  
                  he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,  
                  justice and righteousness on earth. *Jeremiah 9:23-24*

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

Minister:    This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it  
                  and established it—the LORD is his name: Call to me and I will answer you and  
                  tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. *Jeremiah 33:2-3*

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

**Organ Postlude**

**“Grand Triumphal Chorus”**

*Alexander Guilmant*

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*\*All in the congregation, who are able, please stand.*