

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 14, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

A Word to Worshippers

Aren't you thankful that with God there is no preference or partiality? He treats us all the same no matter our race or--(you name all the issues that follow here under discrimination laws). We're all the same...miserable sinners with no hope apart from Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Perhaps if we considered a rich person or a famous or powerful person with the same viewpoint as all others--just miserable sinners, we too would be less partial. But our pedestal-placing tendencies toward certain people cause us to fall under identical failings as those to whom the Apostle James was writing in the passage we study today. Prepare now to confront a "you" that you may not like very much. But in worship and confession, also prepare to be healed of these sinful tendencies and depart released from these traps. Turn your discriminations into only a positive word. Discover how "mercy trumps justice!"

Meditations for Worship

We educate one another, and we cannot do this if half of us consider the other half not good enough to talk to.
George Bernard Shaw

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."
Acts 10:34

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Romans 10:12

You who profess to believe the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, which the poorest Christian shall partake of equally with the rich, and to which all worldly glory is but vanity, you should not make men's outward and worldly advantages the measure of your respect. In professing the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should not show respect to men, so as to cloud or lessen the glory of our glorious Lord: how ever any may think of it, this is certainly a very heinous sin.
Matthew Henry

Prelude

"I Am Thine, O Lord"
Douglass McFarland, organist
arr. David Paxton

Choral Introit

"Santo, Santo, Santo"
Mary Kay Parrish
"The Joyful Noises" Children's Choir, directed by Bob Gehman; Karin Elliot, pianist

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 103

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Gary Brantz, *Leading Elder*

Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God! And see beyond our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our pride that leads to disunity with you and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us for actions and attitudes that make it easier for the world to criticize your Church or even justify their sin in their own minds. See into our hearts and heal us by the washing of our sins with your shed blood. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

I John 1:5-7

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

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Elder: My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
People: **Thanks be to God!**

The 2010 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Mr. McCracken

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Brantz

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"By Faith"

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

Trinity Choir directed by Dave Leeman

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight. By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign. We will stand as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight. By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave. By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost, to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth. We will stand... By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name. We will stand...

The Offering Consecration

Mr. 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.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

James 2:1-17
ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1011

The Morning Sermon

"A Community of Justice"

Mr. McCracken

***Hymn of Response, No. 580**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: I charge you in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

I Tim 5:21 NIV

People: With God's help we will.

Minister: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland

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