

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Word to Worshippers

If you want to know the truth about a certain philosophy of life, you should look at the actual lifestyle of its adherents. The old folk wisdom is correct: the proof is in the pudding. When people want to see what the Gospel is really all about, and they therefore observe the lives of Christians, what will they conclude? More specifically, what would they conclude by observing our local church in action? What will they learn from watching our faith in action? This is James' concern in today's text. What does authentic faith look like when lived out? How do you distinguish in your own life living faith from false faith? What does the Gospel really look like when it is lived out together in community? This is the question that we will answer in today's message. Furthermore, since we are entering the Thanksgiving season, our worship today will blend the themes of thanksgiving with living faith; for when our hearts are alive with true faith, we come to the place of deep thanksgiving for God and His good gifts to us.

Meditations for Worship

Faith apart from works is dead.

James

A true faith in Jesus Christ will not suffer us to be idle. No, it is an active, lively, restless principle; it fills the heart, so that it cannot be easy till it is doing something for Jesus Christ.

George Whitefield

Oh let us continually keep faith in exercise, till it be entirely swallowed up in the boundless ocean of beatific vision.

George Whitefield

Prelude

"Three Thanksgiving Hymns"

arr. Joel Raney

Douglass McFarland, organist; Dave Leeman, pianist

Choral Introit

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

directed by Barbara Leeman

Come ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God our maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

Come, ye thankful people, come!

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 147

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Minister: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praises throughout each day.

People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Minister: Our God rebuilds the people of earth. The wandering ones are gathered together, the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

People: **How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

Minister: All of nature sings aloud the goodness of God—clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small. Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

People: **How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!**

*Hymns of Adoration, No. 125 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE
No. 98 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET
Trumpets, Connor Bowser and Dylan Yun

*Prayer of Adoration Mr. McCracken

*The Lord's Prayer (singing)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

*Hymn of Praise, No. 640 "My Tribute" MY TRIBUTE

*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, No. 86 & 87 Mr. McCracken

Q. Since we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we still do good works?

A. **Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit after his own image; that so we may testify, by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude to God for His blessings, and that He may be praised by us; also that every one may be assured in himself of his faith by the fruits thereof, and that by our godly conversation others may be gained to Christ.**

Q. But what are good works?

A. **Only those which proceed from a true faith, are performed according to the law of God, and to His glory; and not such as are founded on our imaginations or the institutions of men.**

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Joe Gage, *Ruling Elder*

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you, what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD. Jonah 2:7-9

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Romans 3:22-24

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

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Gage

The Mercy Offering

Mr. Ron Bowser, Deacon

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"It is Right to Give Thanks"

Carl Freeman

Trinity Choir

words from the Eucharist Celebration

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven, Father Almighty, maker of earth; therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the angels and with archangels and all of heaven who sing forever this song of glory unto your name. It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you.

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.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

James 2:18-26
ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1011

The Morning Sermon

"The Community of Living Faith"

Mr. McCracken

***Hymn of Response, No.672**

"Trust and Obey"

TRUST AND OBEY

***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Live such good lives among the Gentiles that they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Matthew 5:16, I Peter 2:12

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

Minister: He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

Rev. 22:20-21

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

***Postlude**

"Marche Triomphale" (Op. 65 No. 59)
Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfried Karg-Elert

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