

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 14, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

So saying, her rash hand in evil hour

*Forth reaching to the fruit, she plucked, she ate.
Earth felt the wound, and nature from her seat
Sighing through all her works gave signs of woe,
That all was lost. Back to the thicket slunk
The guilty serpent...*

John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

The whole creation is standing on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own. The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chooses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited—yet it has been given hope. And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay.

J. B Phillips, Romans 8:19-22

Hope focuses not on circumstances, but on Christ's coming and the redemption of our character. As I become more and more molded by the far future, the now becomes both more bitter and sweet. Bitter in that it is not enough; sweet in its foretaste of what lies ahead.

Dan Allender

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Prelude

"My Faith has Found a Resting Place" *arr. Gordan Scheister*
Tina Thiel and Jessica Van Der Molen, flute duet

*Call to Worship

"All My Hope on God is Founded" Mr. McCracken
Trinity Choir; Douglass McFarland, organist *Joachim Neander, 1650-80*
MICHAEL, *Herbert Howells*

Choir: *All my hope on God is founded, who shall all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, from thy throne, call my heart to be thine own.*

Congregation: **"My soul finds rest in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation."** **Psalm 62:1&5**

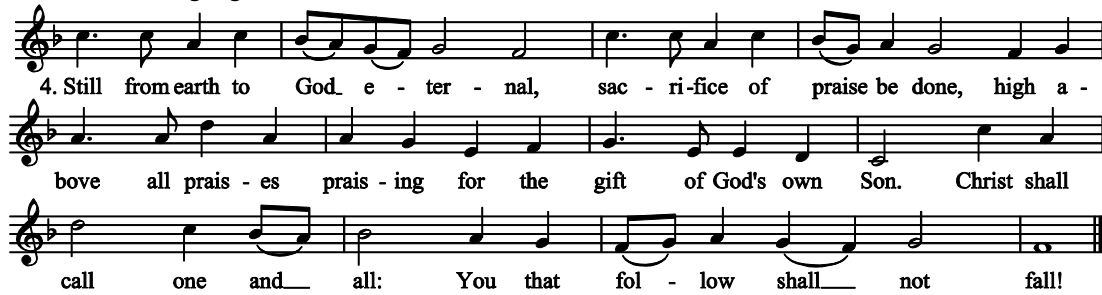
Choir: *Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tower and temple fall to dust. But thy power hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.*

Congregation: **"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."** **Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 20:7**

Choir: *Great thy goodness e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought; splendor, light and life attend thee, beauty springing out of nought. Evermore from God's store newborn worlds rise and adore.*

Congregation: "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him." Psalm 33:6

Choir and Congregation:



4. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal, sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -
bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of God's own Son. Christ shall
call one and all: You that fol - low shall not fall!

*Prayer of Invocation

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

*Hymn of Adoration, No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN
Joachim Neander

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Mr. Wichlan

Q. 27: What do we mean by the providence of God?

A.: The almighty and everywhere present power of God; by His hand upholds and governs heaven and earth and all creatures, so that rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things come, not by chance, but by his Fatherly hand.

Q. 28: What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by His providence doth still uphold all things?

A.: That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and 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

"There is a Hope"

Stuart Townend

1. There is a hope that burns with - in my heart, that gives me
 2. There is a hope that lifts my wea - ry head, a con - so -
 3. There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my
 strength for ev - 'ry pass - ing day; a glimpse of glo - ry now re - vealed in
 la - tion strong a - gainst des - pair, that when the world has plunged me in its
 eyes be - yond the beck - oning grave, to see the match - less beau - ty of a
 mea - ger part, yet drives all doubt a - way: I stand in Christ, with
 deep - est pit, I find the Sav - ior there! Through pres - ent suf - ferings,
 day di - vine when I be - hold His face! When suf - ferings cease and
 sins for - giv'n; and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n! My
 fu - ture's fear, He whis - pers "cour - age" in my ear. For
 sor - rows die, and ev - 'ry long - ing sat - is - fied. Then
 high - est call - ing and my deep - est joy, to make his will my home.
 I am safe in ev - er - last - ing arms, and they will lead me home.
 joy un - speak - a - ble will flood my soul, for I am tru - ly home.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Gary Brantz, *Ruling Elder*

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our strength, we stumble. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we reject you. Turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you. We pray these things in the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Private Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:3-4

Elder: *Hear these assuring and life-giving words of God!*

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Thanksgiving "Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE
(sung acappella)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World Mr. Brantz

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering "We Are Not Alone" Pepper Choplin

Trinity Choir; Eric Baesel, solist; percussion, Thomas Primozic, percussion
We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever, we are never alone. God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever. Our God is with us now.

The Offering Consecration The Rev. Patrick Poteet

*The Doxology LASST UNS ERREN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sacrament of Baptism Luke Atkins Zachary Mr. McCracken
Covenant child of Scott and Heather Zachary

*The Passing of the Peace Mr. Poteet

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.

*The Prayer for Illumination Mr. McCracken

*Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-25
ESV Pew Bible, page 944

The Morning Sermon

“Wait For It”

***Hymn of Response, No. 611**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

WALK WITH ME

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

I Peter 4:12

People: **With God’s help, we will.**

Minister: And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be power forever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 5:10

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

***Choral Amen**

Peter Lutkin

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

**Indicates to please stand, if able.*