

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 21, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

"It was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt... You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive." Genesis 45:8, 50:20

"Who knows whether or not you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

"For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer a slave but as a beloved brother, both in the flesh and in the Lord." Philemon 15

"Demas has deserted me... Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm... no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth." from II Timothy 4:10-17

*Not until each loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.*

*My life is but the weaving
Between my God and me;
I only choose the colors
He weaveth steadily.
Sometimes he weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper
And I the under side.*

Anonymous

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Prelude

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Douglass McFarland, organist

arr. Albin Whitworth

Gathering Song

1. Speak, O Lord as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 2. Teach us, Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly re - ver - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness. That the
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ence of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ec - ho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ may be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - je - tic love and auth - o - ri - ty.
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mi - ses; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all your pur - po - ses for your glo - ry.
 Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 Speak, O Lord, 'til your Church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 35:3-4, 10

Mr. Poteet

Minister: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold your God will come and save you."

People: The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Hymns of Adoration, No. 122 "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

ODE TO JOY

Stanzas 1,3 &4

No. 75 "O Father, You are Sovereign"

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*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. John McCracken

*Affirmation of Faith

The Testimony of Job

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD... Though He slay me, I will hope in Him; yet I will argue my ways to his face. This will be my salvation, that the godless shall not come before him....for I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God...I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his son's sons, four generations.

*Psalm of Praise

"Psalm 146"

Tom Jennings

I will sing praise to the Lord with ev'ry part of my life. My hope is in you the
 Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, the Lord who reigns for ev-er and ev-er. I will sing praise to the Lord
 with ev'-ry part of my life. My hope is in you, the
 ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, the Lord who reigns for ev-er and ev-er more.
 1. You bring sight to the blind, grace to the low-ly,
 2. You give hope to the poor, food to the hun-gry,
 You watch o-ver the weak, You set the pris-'ner free!
 You are faith-ful to those who call up-on Your name!

Public Confession of Sin

Psalm 119:176; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 50:6

Mr. Peter Shotwell, *Ruling Elder*

"I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments. All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place. Their enemies said, 'We are not guilty, for they sinned against the LORD, their true pasture, the LORD, the hope of their fathers.'"

Private Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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Elder: *Hear how God made Christ's suffering and death work together for our good:*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

My friends, 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. Shotwell

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Shout to the Lord"

arr. Joel Raney

Organ and Piano duet; Trinity Choir directed by Eric Baesel

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

The Offering Consecration

Mr. McCracken

*The Doxology

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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.

*The Passing of the Peace

Mr. McCracken

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. Poteet

***Scripture Reading**

Romans 8:26-30
ESV Pew Bible, page 944

The Morning Sermon

“And We Know...”

***Hymn of Response**

“Through the Love of God Our Savior”

ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor, all, all is well;
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched out to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well;
Happy, still in God confiding, fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
Holy through the Spirit’s guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all, all is well;
On our Father’s love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
In our living or in dying, all must be well.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Poteet

Minister: Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

II Timothy 1:8

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.*