

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 14, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

“Why aren’t there more Christians in church – not just baptized people or church members, but real Christians who show evidence of grace in their lives, who repent and believe day by day? Why can someone be baptized, belong to a church, know the Bible, come from a Christian family, and yet be unchanged? Why is hypocrisy one of the big charges our non-Christian friends lay at our door, that they keep meeting people who say they belong to the people of God, but whose lives give the lie to their profession and bring the name of Christ into disrepute? What is more, why are there preachers, ministers, clergy, who call themselves members of the church of God and yet live impenitent lives? How can people have all these opportunities and privileges and yet be unchanged in the heart?”
Christopher Ash

Who is a nominal Christian? The term nominal means “in name only.” Our neighborhoods—and churches—are full of nominal Christians, even nominal evangelicals, who still need conversion. “Evangelical” is not a synonym for “committed Christian.”
Christianity Today, 3/08

Unlike the nominal Christian, the authentic Christian is one whose heart is captivated by Jesus, who, according to Paul, “is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.” (Romans 9:5)

Ask God now, in the power of the Spirit, to captivate your heart with Jesus so that you can enter into the fullness of worship, delighting in the Resurrected Christ who sings over you.

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Prelude

Prelude on Beecher
Douglass McFarland, organist

Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Choral Introit

“Born in Song”
Trinity Choir, directed by Graham Eubanks

Brian Hoare
Arr. Leeman

Born in song! God’s people have always been singing. Born in song! Hearts and voices raised. So today we worship together; God alone is worthy to be praised.

Sing the song! God’s Spirit is poured out among us. Sing the song! God has made us anew; every member part of the Body, given his power, his will to seek and do.

Tell the world! All power to Jesus is given. Tell the world! He is with us always. Spread the word, that all may receive him; every tongue confess and sing his praise.

*Call to Worship

from John 1:1-12

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

People: **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.**

Minister: He came to his own and his own people did not receive him.

People: **But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

***Hymn of Adoration, No. 529** **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** BEECHER

***Prayer of Adoration** Mr. Wichlan

***Hymn of Praise, No. 296** **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”** CORONATION
Stanzas 1, 3-6

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Mr. Chuck Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering **“So Much to Sing About”** Text: *Jaroslav J. Vajda*
Music: *Paul D. Weber*

Trinity Choir, directed by Bob Gehman

So much to sing about, so much to praise you for, so much I cannot live without and so much more: at which display of majesty the very stones are moved to shout. So much to sing about: once orphaned and alone, how could I dare believe the news that you would come to live and die, for me, for me! And so make sure my welcome home. So much to sing about: your wisdom, might and love that even threescore years and ten are not enough to count your gifts and search beneath the surface of your treasure-trove. So much to sing about: all I have seen and heard, your glory in my talents’ use my best reward: that others see what I have seen and sing with me: “It is the Lord!”

The Offering Consecration The Rev. Patrick Poteet

***The Doxology** DUKE STREET

**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**

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 9
ESV Pew Bible, page 945

The Morning Sermon

"The Problem of Nominalism"

***Hymn of Response, No. 530 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"**

Spiritual

Stanza 1-2, 4

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

A Word to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please use this afternoon to instruct them about the meaning of our sin and Christ's grace at the Cross.

Public Confession of Sin

Matthew 15:8-9

Mr. Rehlin, *Ruling Elder*

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Hymn of Confession

"We Have Not Loved Thee As We Ought"

ST. CATHERINE

**We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that we are loved by thee:
Thy presence we have coldly sought, and feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and own the love thou art.**

**We have not feared thee as we ought, nor bowed beneath thine awesome eye,
Nor guarded deed and word and thought, remembering that God is nigh.
Lord, give a faith to know thee near, and grant the grace of holy fear.**

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 147:2-3, 5

Elder: *Hear these words of assurance for those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

“The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.”

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

Hymn of Assurance

**When we shall know thee as we ought, and fear and love and serve aright!
When we shall out of trial be brought, all perfect in the land of light!
Lord, may we day by day prepare to see thy face and serve thee there.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Mr. Poteet

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

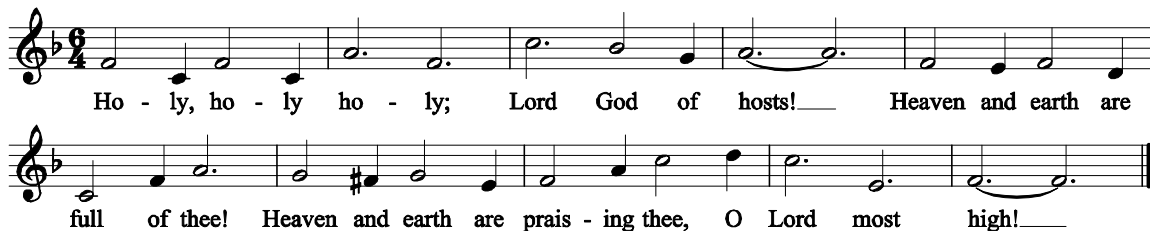
Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son, Jesus, to be the Light of the world. Therefore we adore you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name,



Thanksgiving Prayer and Words of Institution

(Followed by proclaiming boldly)

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*We serve wine during communion.
If you prefer grape juice, please take a purple cup at the center of the tray*

As the bread is served, please sing upon direction please meditate in silence.

As the cup is served, please meditate upon John 3:16.

*"God So Loved the World"
Douglass McFarland, organist*

John Stainer

***Parting Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw all men to thee.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. I John 3:17-18

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: **And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.** I John 5:20

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Choral Amen**

Peter Lutkin

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

**indicates to please stand, if able.*