

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Word to Worshipers

In Isaiah 58, God says that those who are utterly consistent in worship and Bible study but deficient in caring for the poor are not in a right relationship with Him. Why is there such a strong connection between being in a right relationship with God and caring for the poor? That is the question we will answer today. A paradox of discipleship is that though we are to know the riches of our glorious inheritance in Christ, (Eph 1:18), Jesus said, "blessed are the poor in spirit." God is not impressed with our spiritual resources or our moral attainments. Even our best works are like filthy rags in the presence of an utterly holy God. Instead, God counts us as righteous only because of what Jesus has done for us. Today in worship and at the Lord's Table we will discover and celebrate this wonder.

Meditations for Worship

For I the Lord love justice.

Isaiah 61:8

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

He who lends to the poor gets his interest from God.

German Proverb

The overarching biblical command is to love, and the first act of love is always the giving of attention. Therefore the poor are not to be avoided, forgotten, or allowed to become invisible. We are to see them as God's creatures of equal significance with anyone else in the divine purpose. "The rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is Maker of them all" (Prov. 22:2)

Dallas Willard

We must go toward the unreached and toward the poor. And these are almost the same now. 85% of the poorest of the poor live in the 10-40 window (from West Africa to the Pacific Rim 10 degrees North to 40 degrees North). And 95% of the least reached peoples live in the 10-40 window. In other words, globally speaking, the most unreached peoples and the poorest peoples are almost the same. John Piper

Prelude

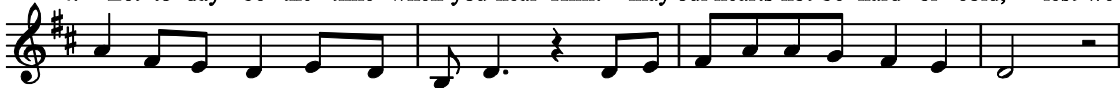
Psalm 95

GIVE ME OIL

"The Joyful Noise" children's choir; Bob Gehman, director



1. Let us sing to the God of sal - va - tion, let us sing to the Lord our rock; let us
 2. In His hand are the earth's deep - est pla - ces, and the strength of the hills are His; all the
 3. Let us wor - ship the Lord our ma - ker, let us kneel to the Lord our God; for we
 4. Let to - day be the time when you hear Him! may our hearts not be hard or cold, lest we



come to His house with thanks - giv - ing, let us come be - fore the Lord and sing!
 sea is the Lord's for He made it, by His hand the sol - id rock was formed.
 all are the sheep of His pas - ture, He will guide us by his power - ful hand.
 stray from the Lord in re - bel - lion as His peo - ple did in time of old.



Praise our ma - ker, praise our Sav - ior, praise the Lord our ev - er - last - ing King!



Ev - ery throne must bow be - fore him, God is Lord of ev - ery - thing!

Pastoral WelcomeThe

Rev.

John

McCracken

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 10: 16-17; 11:4, 7

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Minister: The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land.

People: You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry.

Minister: The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.

People: For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.

*Hymn of Adoration, No. 447

"Christ for the World We Sing"

ITALIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

*Hymn of Praise

"Compassion Hymn"

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1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness you lav - ished on us, when the ra - diance of
pass - ion for the hurt - ing you reached out your hand as the lame ran to
neath the cross of Cal - v'ry_ and gazed on your face at the thorns of op
ful the feet that car - ry_ this Gos - pel of peace to the fields of in -



hea - ven came to res - cue the lost. You called the sheep with - out a shep herd to
meet you and the dead breathed a - gain. You saw be - hind the eyes of sor - row_ and
press - ion and the wounds of dis - grace; for sure - ly you have borne our suff 'ring_ and
just - ice and the val - leys of need. To be a voice of hope and heal - ing_ to



leave their dis - tress for your streams of for - give - ness and the shade of your rest.
shared in our tears; heard the sigh of the wear - y, let the child - ren draw
car - ried our grief, as you par - doned the scoff - er and showed grace to the
ans - wer the cries of the hun - gry and help - less with the mer - cy of



2. And with com - near.
thief. What bound - less love, what fath - om - less grace you have
Christ.



shown us, O God of com - pass - ion. Each day we live, an off - ering of praise, as we



show to the world your com - pass - ion.

3. We stood be -
4. How beau - ti

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Public Confession of Sin

"Kyrie Eleison"

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soloist, Denise Wichlan, Choir and Congregation



Ky - rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris - te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. Ky - rie E



lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris - te E - lei - son, have mer - cy.

***Service of Friendship**

Mr. Wichlan

*Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 130.
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**

Isaiah 58:6-10 & 61:1-4
Pew Bible, page 618 & 620

The Morning Sermon

"Good News for the Poor"

Mr. McCracken

***Hymn of Response**

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

I will a-rise and go to Je - sus, He will em-brace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Sav - or oh, there are ten thou-sand charms.

1. Come ye sin - ners poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed sick and sore:
(Men) 2. Come ye thirs - ty come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
(Women) 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - nes fond - ly dream;
(All) 4. Come, ye wea - ry heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love and power.
true be - lief and true re - pent - ance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. 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.*

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Minister: These are 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.

During the passing of the bread and cup please be in prayer and meditation during the music of "Oh, How He Loves You and Me," Dave Leeman, piano; Ilana Lemke, solo.

***Hymn of Departure**

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son, (repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong";

let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks, we give thanks.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. *Isaiah 1:17*

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. *Jude 1.24,25*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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**indicates to please stand, if able.*