

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 7, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

*Things future, nor things that are now, Not all things below or above,
Can make Him His purpose forgo, Or sever my soul from his love.*

Augustus Toplady

God is the cause of causes.

Christopher Nesses

I am wholly His; I am peculiarly His; I am universally His; I am eternally His.

Thomas Brooks

*Assurance will assist us in all duties; it will arm us against all temptations; it will answer all
objections; it will sustain us in all condition.*

Edward Reynolds

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John McCracken

Prelude

"Air"

J. S. Bach

Piano Duet, Douglass McFarland & Dave Leeman

*Call to Worship

from Isaiah 43

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Thus says the LORD, he who created you, who formed you:

People: **Fear not! For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine!**

Minister: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

People: **Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, "It is true!"**

*Hymn of Adoration, No. 75 **"O Father, You are Sovereign"**

ST. THEODULPH

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

*Hymns of Praise

"If God Himself Be For Me"

WEBB

Paul Gerhard

**If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster can drive me from his love?**

I build on this foundation, that Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, my true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus alone have priceless worth.

My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit makes me rejoice and sing.

“Give to the Winds Your Fears”

DIADEMATA
Paul Gerhardt

Give to the winds your fears, in hope be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head;
Through waves and clouds and storms he gently clears the way;
Wait for his time, so shall the night soon end in joyous day.

Far, far above your thought his counsel shall appear,
When fully he the work has wrought that caused your needless fear.
Leave to his sovereign will to choose and to command:
With wonder filled you then shall own how wise, how strong his hand.

*Affirmation of Faith

Mr. Poteet

Westminster Confession III, No. 5 (A Contemporary Edition, 1988)

God chose specific people for eternal life before the creation of the world. His choice was motivated according to his eternal and unchangeable purpose, his unrevealed counsel and his good pleasure. God has chosen these in Christ to a glory lasting forever. He did this only because of his undeserved loving kindness. God's choice is not based on his foresight of a person's faith, good behavior or continuance in either of them. Nothing in the creatures, not their situations, or outside forces motivates him to so act. His choice magnifies the praise of his glorious grace.

*Hymn of Assurance

“Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”

LANCASHIRE

'Tis not that I did choose thee, for, Lord, that could not be;
This heart would still refuse thee, hadst thou not chosen me.
Thou from the sin that stained me hast cleansed and set me free;
Of old thou hast ordained me, that I should live to thee.

Tw'as sov'reign mercy called me and taught my op'ning mind;
The world had else enthralled me, to heav'nly glories blind.
My heart owns none before thee, for thy rich grace I thirst;
This knowing, if I love thee, thou must have loved me first.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Dan Gardner, *Ruling Elder*

Holy Lord, we are guilty:
of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find Your mind in Your Word,
of neglect to seek You in our daily lives.

Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate. Go on, now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You. Amen

Private Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 43: 25

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

"I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no Savior. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

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. Gardner

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Hallelujah!"

James Montgomery Boice

PERSEVERANCE, Paul Jones, arr. Kurt Kaiser

Trinity Men's Choir; Douglass McFarland, organist

*What can separate my soul from the God who made me whole,
Wrote my name in heaven's scroll? Nothing! Hallelujah!
Trouble, hardship, danger, sword, brought by those who hate my Lord?
Slander here? Or no reward? Nothing! Hallelujah!
Angels, demons, now or then? Wickedness dreamed up by men?
Persecutions come again? Nothing. Hallelujah!
Victors we're ordained to be by the God who set us free;
What can therefore conquer me? Nothing. Hallelujah!
We face death for God each day; what can pluck us from his way?
Let God's people ever say, "Nothing." Hallelujah!*

The Offering Consecration

Mr. McCracken

*The 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

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Service of Friendship**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

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 8:28-39
ESV Pew Bible, page 944

The Morning Sermon "Deep Assurance From a Sovereign God"

***Hymn of Response**

"You are Mine"

David Haas



1. I will come to you in the si - lence, I will lift you from all your
2. I am hope for all who are hope-less, I am eyes for all who long to
3. I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, heal - ing for the ones who dwell in
4. (I) am the Word that leads all to free-dom, I am the peace the world can-not



fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
see. In the shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,
shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
give. I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. (To verse 2) Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.
come and rest in me. (To refrain)
all will know my name. (To refrain)
up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)



I have called you each by name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.

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*** The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. *Hebrews 10:19 & 21*

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

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Romans 15:13*

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

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

**Indicates to please stand, if able.*