

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 18, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

### Preparation for Worship

*Offering our bodies has all sorts of practical implications. We cannot be Christians merely intellectually; rather, we must respond to God's love by loving him with our words and attitudes, our emotions and actions. We are not coerced. Instead, an offering is the gift of our choice. God's love for us is so rich and inviting that we want with our whole beings to offer up our whole beings.*

Marva Dawn

*Two words for worship -- proskynein and latreuein -- suggest a close relationship between worship in a given place and time and worship as an all-pervasive and ongoing condition. We are bound up in intertestamental accord in which bowing down, serving and worshipping are identical.*

Harold Best

*One of the problems with "living sacrifices" is that they can crawl down off of the altar.*

Tony Campolo

### Prelude

**Trumpet in Dialogue**  
Douglass McFarland, organist

*Louis Clerambault*

### Children's Call to Worship

**"Made Me Glad"**

*Miriam Webster*

"The Joyful Noises," Bob Gehman, director

*I will bless the Lord forever. I will trust Him at all times. He has delivered me from all fear. He has set my feet upon a rock. I will not be moved. I'll say of the Lord; you are my Shield, my Strength, my Portion, Deliverer, my Shelter, Strong Tower, my very present help in time of need. Whom have I in heaven but you? There's none I desire besides you. You have made me glad. I'll say of the Lord, You are my Shield, my Strength, my Portion, Deliverer, my Shelter, Strong Tower, my very present help in time of need.*

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

### \*Call to Worship

from I Peter 2

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Minister: We are like living stones, being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

People: **We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God,**

Minister: that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

People: **Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**



When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us...he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Hebrews 10:12-16

*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. Brantz

**The Mercy Offering**

Mr. Ron Bowser, *Deacon*

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Musical Offering**

**"Hymn of Promise"**

*Natalie Sleeth, arr. Tom Fettke*

Trinity Choir

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a Spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in very silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time infinity; in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see!*

**The Offering Consecration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

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.*

*Please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the row, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Romans 12:1**

*ESV Pew Bible, page 947*

**The Morning Sermon**

**"Living Sacrifices of Worship"**

*From the sermon series "Romans: The Church Under Grace"*

**\*Hymn of Response**

**"What Grace is Mine"**

DANNY BOY

*Kristin Getty*

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light  
called through the night to find my distant soul.  
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me  
that I might live and in His name be known.

So I will go wherever He is calling me  
I lose my life to find my life in Him  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies,  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me  
Beneath His wings my wakened soul may soar,  
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome  
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore.

So I will go wherever He is calling me  
I lose my life to find my life in Him  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies,  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Which is the greatest commandment in the law? "Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and  
with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." *Matthew 22:37*

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

Minister: And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in  
Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.  
*Philippians 4:19-20*

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

**\*Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist