

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 16, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."
Augustine (354-430)

"Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible." (Unknown)

"To love someone means to see him as God intended him." Fyodor Dostoevsky

"The highest act of love is the giving of the best gift, and, if necessary, at the greatest cost, to the least deserving. That's what God did. At the loss of His Son's life to the totally undeserving, God gave the best gift – the display of the glory of Christ who is the image of God." John Piper

"Let us live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry." Mark Twain

Prelude **The Gift of Love** *arr. Joel Raney*
Douglass McFarland, organ, Dave Leeman, piano

Choral Introit **In This Very Room** *arr. Kurt Kaiser*
Trinity Choir
*In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us;
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom.
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room."*

Pastoral Welcome The Rev. Michael Wichlan

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 36

Minister: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Minister: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

People: **and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

***Hymn of Adoration, No. 81** "O Love of God, How Strong and True" JERUSALEM

***Prayer of Adoration** Mr. Wichlan

***Hymn of Praise**

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

C. Wesley, music by G. Thompson



1. Je - sus lo - ver of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, I help - less hang on thee:
3. Thou, O Christ art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
4. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while th - nea - er wa - ters roll, while the tem-pest still is high:
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
raise the fall - en cheer the faint, hear the sick, and lead the blind.
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in;



hide me O my Sa - vior, hide, 'til the storm is past.
All my trust on thee is stayed, help from thee I bring;
Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - right - teous - ness;
Thou of life the foun - tain art, let me take of thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, re - ceive my soul at last.
cov - er my de - fense less head the shad - ow of thy wing.
false and full of sin I am, thou full of truth and grace.
spring thou up with - in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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***Affirmation of Faith**

I Corinthians 13: 1-8a, 13

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

**Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,**

Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
 Puts up with anything,
 Trusts God always,
 Always looks for the best,
 Never looks back,
 But keeps going to the end.

We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

***Hymn of Affirmation, No. 597 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"** GIFT OF LOVE

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Rocky Freeman, *Ruling Elder*

The Mercy Offering

Mr. Ron Bowser, *Deacon*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

arr. John Ferguson

Trinity Choir

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur. Holy God, we praise your name. Lord of all, we bow before you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!" Lo! the apostolic train join, your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.

(Congregation)

4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;
 Though in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God_ we claim you;
 and, a - dor - ing bend the knee while we own_ the mys - ter - y.

Te Deum, te Dominum. Through the Church the song goes on.

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Poteet

***Doxology**

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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**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. Poteet

Autumn, Mason, Whitney and Austin Sonju
Covenant children of Scott and Amy Sonju

***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. Wichlan

***Scripture Reading**

Romans 12:9-21
ESV Pew Bible, page 947

The Morning Sermon

"Loving Others, Part 1"
From the sermon series "Romans: The Church Under Grace"

***Hymn of Response "They Will Know We are Christians by our Love"**

Peter Schotte

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work hand in hand.
We will work with each other, we will work hand in hand.
And together we will spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

John 4:7, 5:2

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory 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 24

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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