

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 30, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

### Preparation for Worship

*Imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try. No hell below us, Above us, only sky.* John Lennon

*Tell me there is a God in the serene heavens that will damn his children for the expression of an honest belief! More men have died in their sins, judged by your orthodox creeds, than there are leaves on all the forests in the wide world ten thousand times over. Tell me these men are in hell; that these men are in torment; that these children are in eternal pain, and that they are to be punished forever and forever! I denounce this doctrine as the most infamous of lies.* Robert G. Ingersoll

*I have lately taken to read the New Testament which I assure you is a very good book; but there is one article to which I cannot accede; it is that of the eternity of punishment. I cannot comprehend how this eternity is compatible with the goodness of God!* La Fontaine

*The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions.* A.W. Tozer

*The subject of divine wrath has become taboo in modern society, and Christians by and large have accepted the taboo and conditioned themselves never to raise the matter.* J.I. Packer

*The safest road to Hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft, underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.* C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

*If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence - that God would not be worthy of worship.* Miroslav Volf

**Prelude** "Trio Sonata" *Largo, Allegro* G. F. Handel  
Norm Weiss, violin; Tina Thiel, flute; Graham Eubanks, bass; and Dave Leeman, harpsichord

**Choral Introit** "Welcome, Happy Morning!" NOEL NOUVELET

*"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say; hell today is vanquished, heaven has won the day! Lo! the Dead is living, God forever more! Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.*  
*Welcome, happy morning! hell today is vanquished, heav'n is won today!*

**Pastoral Welcome** The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 16:8-11

Minister: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Hell, or let your holy one see corruption.**

Minister: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: **At your right hand are pleasures forevermore!**

**\*Hymns of Adoration, No. 692**

**"To You, O Lord, I Fly" (Psalm 16)**

LEOMINSTER

No. 310

**"Rejoice, the Lord is King"**

DARWALL

Stanzas 1, 3- 5

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 28: What are the punishments of sin in this world?

A: **The punishments of sin in this world are either inward, as blindness of mind, a reprobate sense, strong delusions, hardness of heart, horror of conscience, and vile affections, or outward, as the curse of God upon the creatures for our sakes, and all other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, estates, relations, and employments; together with death itself.**

Q. 29: What are the punishments in the world to come?

A: **The punishments of sin in the world to come, are everlasting separation from the comfortable presence of God, and most grievous torments in soul and body, without intermission, in hell-fire forever.**

Q. 30: Does God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A: **God does not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, but of His mere love and mercy delivers His elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation by the covenant of grace.**

Hymn of Praise

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Charles Wesley



1. Je - sus lo - ver of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,  
 2. Thou, O Christ art all I want; more than all in thee I find;  
 3. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem-pest still is high:  
 raise the fall - en cheer the faint, heal 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.  
 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.  
 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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Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Dan Gardner, *Ruling Elder*

Almighty God, we believe that you are coming again in power to judge the earth.

We confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect your kingdom.

We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives.

We have ignored your promised judgment by not loving you with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

In your tender kindness, embrace us with your love,

and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing you soon, face to face.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *Hear the description of how Christ paid the penalty and gives forgiveness to all those who truly repent of their sins.*

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. *Isaiah 53:4-5*

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Commitment

"The Compassion Hymn"

Getty-Townend

1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness you lav - ished on us, when the ra - diance of  
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  
press - ion and the wounds of dis - grace; for sure - ly you have born 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.  
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. We stood be thief. Christ. What bound - less love, what fath - om - less grace you have  
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. How beau - ti

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Gardner

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering "How Lovely Are the Messengers" (Romans 10:15)

Felix Mendelssohn

Trinity Choir, directed by Dave Leeman

arr. Hal Hobson

*How lovely are the messengers who preach us the Gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the land their glad tidings.*

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Wichlan

\*Doxology

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.

DUKE STREET

Teacher Recognition

Mr. Poteet

The Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**\*Service of Friendship**

Mr. Wichlan

*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. Poteet

**\*Scripture Reading**

Luke 16:19-31  
*ESV Pew Bible, page 876*

**The Morning Sermon**

**"Do you believe in Hell?"**

**\*Hymn of Response**

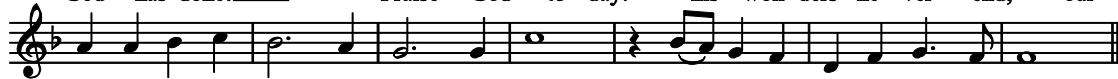
**"God Brings Us Comfort"**



1. God brings us com-fort where his an - ger burned, so judge - ment and fear to peace and  
2. Wells of sal - va - tion streams of life will bring; with joy we shall draw from this re -  
3. Love lives a - mong us, Is - rael's ho - ly One who comes to the res - cue see what



trust are turned. Praise God to - day: his mer - cies ne - ver end; our  
fresh - ing spring. Praise God to - day: his bless - ings ne - ver end; our  
God has done! Praise God to - day: his won - ders ne - ver end; our



judge be - comes in Christ our great - est friend, our judge be - comes our great - est friend.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Poteet

Minister: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Fear God and give Him glory. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water. *Matthew 10:27, Revelation 14:7*

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

Minister: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They will rest from their labor for their deeds will follow them. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *Revelation 14:13, Psalm 1:6*

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

**\*Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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