

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 21, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

**Chimes** *The sounding of chimes signals the commencement of the service and a call for quiet.*

**Prelude** **"God So Loved the World"** *Stainer*  
Dave Leeman, piano; Douglass McFarland, organ

### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

"A darkened heart is the far country, for it is not by our feet but by our affections that we either leave Thee or return unto Thee." *St. Augustine*

"By far the most tragic sense of lostness is not knowing that we are lost. The undeniable evidence of that is lack of caring for those who are spiritually lost. When we become insensitive to the pain and perplexity of people who need the Savior, and when we have little else but judgmentalism and criticism for the mess people get into –then we are most in need of a loving Shepherd to find us and bring us back to life." *Lloyd John Ogilvie*

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;  
it was not I that found, O Savior true;  
no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;  
'twas not so much that I on thee took hold,  
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O, the whole  
Of love is but my answer, Lord to thee;  
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul,  
always thou lovedst me.

*Anonymous, c. 1880*

**Pastoral Welcome**

The Rev. John McCracken

## ∞ God's Greatness ∞

**\*Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 50:6; Isaiah 40:11

Mr. McCracken

Minister: My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place.

People: He tends his flock like a shepherd. He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 599      "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"      SHEPHERD

\*Prayer of Adoration      Mr. McCracken

\*Hymn of Praise      "Sing Praise to the Father"      TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sing praise to the Father, Creator and King,  
whose mercy has taught us a new song to sing;  
Who made us, and loved us tho' rebels and lost,  
and planned our redemption at infinite cost.

*(Chorus)*  
*Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,*  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*  
*For the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole.*  
*O come and adore him, his glories proclaim,*  
*and worship before him,*  
*The Lord is his name!*

Sing praise to the Savior, Redeemer and Friend,  
For grace past all telling, for love without end;  
Who stripped off his glory, put on mortal sin,  
And died in our stead, full atonement to win.  
*(chorus)*

Sing praise to the Spirit, the gift of God's love,  
Who quickens our hearts with new life from above,  
Who woos us, subdues us, and seals us his own,  
And faultless presents us before the White Throne.  
*(chorus)*

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,  
Sing praise to the Spirit, great God Three in One;  
The God of salvation, of glory, of grace,  
Who wrought our redemption--My soul, sing his praise!  
*(chorus)*

\*Affirmation of Faith      Westminster Confession of Faith, X, 1.      Rev. Patrick Poteet

All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the

things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

Hymn of Affirmation

“A Debtor to Mercy”

Augustus M. Toplady

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I  
 The work which your good - ness be - gan, the arm of your strength will com -  
 e - ter - ni - ty will not e -  
 sing. I come with your right - eous - ness on, my hum - ble of - fring to bring  
 plete. Your prom - ise is yes, and a - men, and ne'er was for - feit - ed yet.  
 raise. Im - pressed on your heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace.

— The judg - ments of your ho - ly law with me can have noth - ing to do. My  
 — The fu - ture or things that are now, no pow - er be - low or a - bove, can  
 — Yes, I to the end will en - dure, un - til I bow down at your throne, for -

Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions -  
 make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my soul from -  
 ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to mer - cy -

from view. -  
 your love. - (last time only)  
 a - lone. - for - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to

mer - cy - a - lone. - mer - cy - a - lone. -

Public Confession of Sin

Isaiah 53:6

Mr. Peter Shotwell, *Ruling Elder*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Luke 19:10

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

The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Assurance, No. 461

**"Not What My Hands Have Done"**  
*Stanzas 1-3*

PEACE

## ∞ God's Gifts ∞

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Shotwell

Mercy Offering

Mr. Tom Lindsey, *Deacon*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

**"He Hideth My Soul"**  
*Trinity Choir*

*arr. Edwin Childs*

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Poteet

\*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

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Service of Friendship

Mr. Poteet

*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.*

Introduction of New Members

Bill and Pat Boulch; Derek and Nancy Tu; Denise, Maddie and Baylee Wichlan

## ∞ God's Grace ∞

\*Prayer for Illumination

Mr. McCracken

\*Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-32

