

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 6, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

Preparation for Worship

"The sad duty of politics is to establish justice in a sinful world."

Reinhold Niebuhr

"We are to pray for those in authority and obey them--up to the point that the government demands an allegiance higher than God, or commands practices contrary to His Word"

Charles Colson

"It is unrealistic for Christians to legislate for non-Christians. The Christian may, and indeed must, protest at what he knows is wrong, but he must at all times realize that people cannot be made good, or kind, or loving, or understanding, by force of law. Moreover, he will be wise to avoid hasty comment on issues where honest political opinion is divided, and where even good Christian men hold opposing views. Where he must not be silent is where human rights, human liberties, and human dignity are concerned. Speak out, whatever the consequences!"

J.B. Phillips

Prelude

Douglass McFarland, organist

Choral Introit

"Old Time Power"

Paul Rader, arr. D. Leeman

*We are gathered for Thy blessing, we will wait upon our God;
We will trust in him who loved us, and who bought us with his blood.
Spirit, now melt and move all of our hearts with love.
Breathe on us from above with old time power.
We will glory in thy power, we will sing of wondrous grace,
In our midst as Thou has promised, come, O come and take thy place.
Spirit, now melt and move all of our hearts with love.
Breathe on us from above with old time power.*

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

*Call to Worship

Daniel 2:20-23

Minister: Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

People: **He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.**

Minister: He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning; He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness; and light dwells with him.

People: **We thank and praise you, O God of our fathers; you have given us wisdom and power.**

*Hymn of Adoration, No. 710

"God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

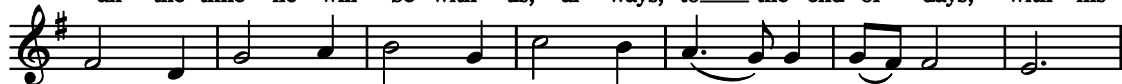
*Hymn of Praise

"All Authority and Power"

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er ev - ery sta - tus and do - main, now be -
All the na - tions owe him wor - ship, ev - ery tongue shall call him Lord; how are
All the clear commands of Je - sus must be heed - ed and o - beyed; full pro -
all the time he will be with us, al - ways, to the end of days; with his



longs to one who suf - fered our re - demp - tion to ob - tain;
they to call up - on him if his name they have not heard?
vi - sion for our weak - ness in his teach - ing he has made;
own be - liev - ing peo - ple who keep stead - fast in his ways;



an - gels, de - mons, kings and ru - lers, o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!
There - fore go and make dis - ci - ples, preach his gos - pel, spread his word.
In the Gos - pel words and sym - bols sav - ing truth to us con - veyed.
God the Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, bless us, and to God be praised!

*Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith XXIII from 1, 3, & 4

Mr. Poteet

Contemporary Edition, 2000

God rules as supreme Lord and Authority over the entire world. He has determined for his glory and for the public good that civil leaders governing the people be under his authority. He has armed civil government with forceful strength to defend and to encourage law abiding citizens while punishing those who do evil.

It is the duty of civil authorities to provide protection for the Lord's church without giving preference to one denomination of Christians over another. Civil government has a duty to protect individuals and the entire community. No one should experience religious bigotry because of their faith or because they have no faith. Civil government is obligated to keep order guaranteeing religious and church assemblies to meet without being molested or disturbed.

The people have a duty to remember their governors prayerfully before the Lord. Governors deserve the respect of their leadership role, and their decision, given lawfully should be obeyed. Clearly we are subject to their authority so as not to put ourselves in conflict with God's established order. Having no faith in Jesus Christ or understanding Christian faith differently does not invalidate a governor's rightful and legal authority to govern.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Peter Shotwell, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

The Musical Offering "O Make Our Hearts to Blossom, Lord" Joseph Clokey
Trinity Choir

O make our hearts to blossom, Lord, for they are thine, for they are thine to save. Thou risest with thy flaming sword from darkness and the grave. Almighty victor on thy face the smile of peace. The pledge of grace, and under thine abiding wings how fair the fadeless blossom springs.

O make our hearts to blossom, Lord, for they are thine to save.

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Wichlan

*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

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 13:1-7
ESV Pew Bible, page 948

The Morning Sermon

"Christ and Government"

*Hymn of Response, No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Stanzas 1 & 3

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

A Word to Parents: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please use this afternoon to instruct them about the meaning of our sin and Christ's grace at the Cross.*

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Shotwell

Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Private Confession

Declaration of Pardon

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

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God and they will reign on the earth. *Revelation 5:5, 9-10*

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.**

Minister: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: (singing)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts! _____
 Heaven and earth are full of thee! Heaven and earth are
 prais - ing Thee, O Lord most high! _____

Thanksgiving Prayer and Words of Institution
(Followed by proclaiming boldly)

Mr. McCracken

Minister: According to his commandment:

People: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

We serve wine during communion.

If you prefer grape juice, please take a purple cup at the center of the tray.

As the bread is served, please join in singing: "This is the Feast of Victory."

Antiphon

This is the feast of victo-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb who was

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slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: (to vs. 4)
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - - men.
 slain has be - gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia.

As the cup is served, please join in singing: "My Lord, You Wore No Royal Crown."

1. My Lord, you wore no ro - yal crown, you did not wield
2. You nev - er used a kil - ler's sword to end an un -
3. You made no mean or cun - ning move, chose no un - wor -
4. So when I stum - ble, set me right; com - mand my life

the powers of state, nor did you need a scho - lar's
 - just tyr - an - ny; your on - ly wea - pon was your
 - thy com - pro - mise, but carved a track of burn - ing
 as you re - quire. Let all your gifts be my de -

gown or priest - ly robe, to make you great.
 word, for truth a - lone could set us free.
 love through tan - gles of de - ceit and lies.
 light and you, my Lord, my one de - sire.

***Parting Hymn**

"O God of Every Nation"

AURELIA

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. Show proper respect to everyone; Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

I Peter 2:13-14, 17

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good...and after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 4: 19, 5:10-11

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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