

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

Prelude

Sonata No. 1 in Am, Giga
Tina Thiel, flute

J.J. Quantz (c.1705)

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

“Those who know their Scriptures might well remember that the sea often stands for chaos and disorder, and it is God who controls it and stills it.”

D.A. Carson

“A man who could walk on water did it only once. What self-restraint! When Jesus himself discussed miracles directly, he stressed their infrequency.”

Philip Yancey

*Sovereign commander of the universe,
I am sadly harassed by doubts, fears, unbelief,
in a felt spiritual darkness.
My heart is full of evil surmising and disquietude,
and I cannot act faith at all.
My heavenly pilot has disappeared,
and I have lost my hold on the rock of ages;
I sink in deep mire beneath storms and waves,
in horror and distress unutterable.
Help me, O Lord,
to throw myself absolutely and wholly on thee,
for better, for worse, without comfort, and all but hopeless.
Give me peace of soul, confidence, enlargement of mind,
morning joy that comes after night heaviness;
Water my soul richly with divine blessings:
Grant that I may welcome thy humbling in private
so that I might enjoy thee in public;
Give me a mountain top as high as the valley is low.* Valley of Vision, Prayers of the Puritans

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John McCracken

☪ God's Greatness ☪

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 93

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

People: **The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.**

Minister: The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice and their pounding waves.

People: **Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!**"

***Hymns of Adoration No. 94**

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

Stanzas 1, 3, 6

No. 89

“God is Our Strength and Refuge”

DAM BUSTERS MARCH

***Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. Jeremy Mollenkopf, *Ministry Intern*

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Q. 27: What do you mean by the providence of God?

A. : **The almighty and everywhere present power of God, whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven, earth, and all creatures, and so governs**

them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things, come not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. 28: What does it profit us to know that God has created and by his providence still upholds all things?

A.: That we may be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future may have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love, since all creatures are so in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

Silent Reflection on God's Greatness

Mr. Poteet

Song of Affirmation

"Loved Before the Dawn of Time"

S. Townend, A. Small

1. Loved be - fore the dawn of time, cho - sen - by my Ma - ker, hid - den in my Sa - viour:
 2. When I'm stained with guilt and sin, He is there to lift me, heal me and for - give me;
 3. All the chains of Sa - tan's curse lift - ed through His off - ering, sat - is - fied through suf - fring:
 4. Stars will fade and moun - tains fall; Christ will shine for - ev - er, Love's un - fad - ing splen - dor

I am His and He is mine, che - rished for e - ter - ni - ty.
 Gives me strength to stand a - gain, strong - er than I was be -
 All the bless - ings He de - serves poured on my un - worth - y
 Earth and heaven will bow in awe, join - ing in sal - va - tion's song.

fore. So with ev - 'ry breath that I am giv - en I will sing sal - va - tion's song; and I'll
 soul.

join the cho - rus of cre - a - tion giv - ing praise to Christ a - lone. lone. Sing - ing
 glo - ry, ho - nor, wis - dom, pow - er to the Lamb up - on the throne, Hal - le - lu - jah,

I will lift Him high. Sing - ing
 I will sing with ev - 'ry breath that I am gi - ven I will sing sal - va - tion's
 D.S.

song; and I'll join the cho - rus of cre - a - tion giv - ing praise to Christ a - lone.

God's Gifts

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Freeman

The Mercy Offering

TPC Deacons

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

Getty/Townend

Trinity Ensemble

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King, let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem all who trust in his unfailing love.

Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ; walking justly before Him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.

(Chorus)

*King of heaven, we will answer the call, we will follow bringing hope to the world,
 Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross, bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come: Let the nations put their trust in him.

(congregation)

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Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus name.**

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Poteet

***The Doxology**

DUKE STREET

**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.**

***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.

☞ God's Grace ☞

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Richard Millhouse

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 14:22-32
Pew Bible, pg. 820

The Morning Sermon

"Craving Clarity"

Mr. Millhouse

***Hymn of Response, No. 705**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"
Stanzas 1 & 2

EL NATHAN

☞ God's Blessing ☞

***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

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

Minister: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you both now and forevermore.

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

Organ Postlude

"Christ, Our Strength and Consolation"

Edward Broughton

**All in the congregation, who are able, please stand.*

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