

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Word to Worshippers

Today's study in the series, "Heart, Soul, and Money," is incredibly counter-cultural. You may even consider it quite unrealistic or possibly offensive. From the standpoint of worldly wisdom, the biblical position on this subject may to some appear foolish. Modern society encourages, applauds, and fosters this thing that God says enslaves people. What irony. How truly foolish are those who fall under the entrapment of this four-letter word: debt. For God sent Jesus to earth to pay off our debt. By his mercy we are set free! Of that we will sing and rejoice and pray that our only debt will be to mercy and grace, of which we have no chance of ever paying off and no guilt that we must do so. Hallelujah!

Meditations for Worship

I'm in debt. I am a true American. Balki Bartokomous

Let temporal things serve your use, but the eternal be the object of your desire. Thomas à Kempis

Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost His authority. John Calvin

He is poor who possesses much but still craves for more. Tertullian

Oh to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be ... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

Prelude "Contemplation" Claude Bolling, Jean-Pierre Rampal
Tina Thiel, flute, Dave Leeman, piano

Pastoral Welcome The Rev. John R. McCracken

***Call to Worship** Psalm 111:10; Prov. 2:6-7, 8:10-11, 24:3-4 Mr. McCracken

Minister: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have good understanding.

People: For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright.

Minister: Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you desire cannot compare with her.

People: By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

***Hymns of Adoration**

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love for me,
On the cruel cross he suffered from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood he purchased me,
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

*** Song of Prayer, No. 725**

"The Lord's Prayer"

MELITA

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 126

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

What is the fifth petition of the Lord's prayer?

"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." That is, be pleased for the sake of Christ's blood, not to impute to us, miserable sinners, our transgressions, nor that evil which always cleaves to us; even as we feel this evidence of your grace in us, that it is our firm resolution from the heart to forgive our neighbor.

*Hymn of Praise

"A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

Isaac Watts

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..
 rase. 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.
 a - lone. (last time only) for - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to
 mer - cy a - lone mer - cy a - lone

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Joe Gage, Ruling Elder

O Lord, our great God and Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
 we are embarrassed to come before you,
 for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
 for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble,
 for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.
 To you belongs the freedom of forgiveness, O Lord, and to us the debt of sin.
 Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
 Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,
 but on the ground of your great mercy
 in the debt-paying pardon of your Son Jesus, Christ.
 AMEN.

Private Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Elder: *Hear what strong words of freedom and promise the Lord gives to all those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: "You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba, Father! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ."* Romans 8:15-17

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Gage

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"God's Son Has Made Me Free"

Edvard Grieg

Trinity Choir

arr. Oscar R. Overby

God's Son has made me free from Satan's tyranny; from fear of death and bonds of sin, from all that plagues my soul within. The holy One, divine, became a friend of mine. From heaven on high, from starry sky, he came to die that I might live, might live with him eternally, God's Son has made me free. (repeat)

God's Son has made me free! God's Son has made me free! Yes, free, free, free, free! God's Son has made me free.

The Offering Consecration

Mr. McCracken

***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. McCracken

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.

Extending the Gospel Moment

Church Planting in Tokyo

Mrs. Joanne Brown
Missions Ministry Team Leader

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. Wichlan

***Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 22:7 and 30: 8-9
ESV Pew Bible, pg. 544 and 551

The Morning Sermon

"Possessions and Debt"
Fourth sermon in the series, "Heart, Soul, and Money"

***Hymn of Response No. 642**

"Be Thou My Vision"
Stanzas 1, 2, & 4

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***The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

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

Minister: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; to whom belong wisdom and might. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. Daniel 2:20-22

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

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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