

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

*"Through faith in Christ, therefore, Christ's righteousness becomes our righteousness and all that he has becomes ours."*  
Martin Luther

*"...a man will be justified by faith when, excluded from righteousness of works, he by faith lays hold of the righteousness of Christ, and clothed in it appears in the sight of God not as a sinner, but as righteous."*  
John Calvin

Thoughts on the Gospel from the Heidelberg Catechism:

*Q. 60: How are you right with God?*

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

*Q. 61: Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?*

A. It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

*Q. 62: Why can't the good we do make us right with God, or at least help make us right with him?*

A. Because the righteousness which can pass God's scrutiny must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to divine law. Even the very best we do in this life is imperfect and stained with sin.

*Q. 64: But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?*

A. No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

### Prelude

**"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** Rick Founds, arr. Innes  
Douglass McFarland, organ; Dave Leeman, piano

### Choral Introit

*"You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross our debts to pay,  
from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high."*

Call to Worship      Hebrews 12:3, Philippians 2:7-8, Psalm 116:12, 13

Minister: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: He made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Minister: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised!

\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 80      "Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee      RIPLEY

\*Prayer of Adoration      Mr. Michael Wichlan

\*Hymn of Praise      "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"      Steve and Vikki Cook

1. I will glo - ry in my Re-deem - er whose price - less blood has ran - somed  
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re-deem - er my life He bought, my love He  
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re-deem - er who car - ries me on ea - gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails; and hung Him on that judg - ment  
 owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er; I'm sat - is - fied in Him a -  
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing kind - ness; His tri - umph song I'll ev - er

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re-deem - er, who crushed the power of sin and  
 lone. I will glo - ry in my Re-deem - er, His faith - ful - ness my stand - ing  
 sing. I will glo - ry in my Re-deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

death; My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge; The  
 place; Though foes are might - y and rush up on me; My  
 gold; And when He calls me it will be par - a - dise; His

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness,      the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.  
 feet are firm, held by His grace,      my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
 face for - ev - er to be - hold,      His face for - ev - er to be hold.

Jesus said to them all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*Revelation 3:8, 10-12; 2:10*

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

I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it. And I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life!

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Assurance

**"The Old Rugged Cross"**

RUGGED CROSS

<sup>1</sup>On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

<sup>2</sup>To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.

(Chorus) So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Mr. Michael Wichlan

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right

hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (AD 325) and an expanded form was adopted by the council of Chalcedon (AD 451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ.*

**\*The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end,  
Amen, Amen.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Gage

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

**"So Much to Sing About"**

Jaroslav J. Vajda, Paul Weber

Trinity Choir

*So much to sing about, so much to praise you for, so much I cannot live without and so much more: at which display of majesty the very stones are moved to shout. So much to sing about: once orphaned and alone, how could I dare believe the news that you would come to live and die, for me, (for me!) and so make sure my welcome home. So much to sing about: your wisdom, might and love that even threescore years and ten are not enough to count your gifts and search beneath the surface of your treasure trove. So much to sing about: all I have seen and heard, your glory in my talents' use my best reward: that others sing with me "It is the Lord!"*

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. Patrick 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.  
Amen.

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. Poteet

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. 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.*

Promotion Sunday and Bibles for Second Graders

Mr. Poteet

\*Prayer for Illumination

Mr. McCracken

\*Scripture Reading

Romans 1:1-17

The Morning Sermon

“Why Be Eager For the Gospel?”

\*Hymn of Commitment

“I’m Not Ashamed to Own My Lord”

AZMON  
Isaac Watts

<sup>1</sup> I’m not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,  
Maintain the honor of his Word, the glory of his cross.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus, my God! I know his name, his name is all my trust;  
nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

<sup>3</sup> Firm as his throne his promise stands, and he can well secure  
what I’ve committed to his hands till the decisive hour.

<sup>4</sup> Then will he own my worthless name before his Father’s face,  
and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

\*The Charge and Benediction

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saves us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace.  
II Timothy 1:8

People: With God’s help we will.

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Romans 1:7

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Organ Postlude

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