

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."* Romans 1:18

*"We tend to be taken aback by the thought that God could be angry. How can a diety who is perfect and loving ever be angry?... We take pride in our tolerance of the excesses of others. So what is God's problem?... But love detests what destroys the beloved. Real love stands against the deception, the lie, the sin that destroys. Nearly a century ago the theologian H. E. Gifford wrote, "Human love here offers a true analogy: the more a father loves his son, the more he hates in him the drunkard, the liar, the traitor." Anger isn't the opposite of love. Hate is. And the final form of hate is indifference. How can a good God forgive that bad people without compromising himself? Does He just play fast and loose with the facts? "Oh, never mind. Boys will be boys." Try telling that to a survivor of the Cambodian "killing fields" or to someone who has lost an entire family in the Holocaust. No. To be truly good, one has to be outraged by evil and implacably hostile to injustice."* Rebecca Pippert, *Hope Has Its Reasons*

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

### Prelude

**"How Majestic is Your Name"**

Michael W. Smith

Douglass McFarland, organ; Dave Leeman, piano

### Choral Introit

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!*

### Call to Worship

**from Psalm 19**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**Minister:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

**People:** **There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

**Minister:** Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

**People:** **May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 122

**"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"**

ODE TO JOY

\*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. McCracken

\*Hymn of Praise, No. 44

**"How Great Thou Art"**

*Stanzas 1 & 2*

**"Creation Sings the Father's Song"**

*Townend and Getty*

Vs. 1, Soloist, Ron Bowser; Vs. 2 choir; Vs. 3 Congregation

Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn and  
 Cre - a - tion gazed up - on His face; the age - less One in time's em - brace, un -  
 Cre - a - tion longs for His re - turn, when Christ shall reign up - on the earth; the

run the course of day, till eve - ning falls in crim - son rays. His  
 veiled the Fa - ther's plan of re - con - cil - ing God and man. A  
 bit - ter wars that rage are birth pains of a com - ing age. When

fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow, His breath up - on this spin - ning  
 se - cond A - dam walked the earth, whose blame - less life would break the  
 he re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth re -

globe; He charts the ea - gle's flight, com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry.  
 curse, whose death would set us free to live with Him e - ter - na - ly.  
 ply with one re - spon - dent theme: The glo - ry of our God and King!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! Fill the  
 earth with songs of wor - ship, tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession IV. 1, 2; V. 6

Mr. Poteet

It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning to create, or make of nothing, the world and all things therein whether visible or invisible.

After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after His own image; having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it: and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject unto change.

As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as a righteous Judge, for former sins, doth blind and harden, from them he not only withholds his grace whereby they might have been enlightened in their understandings, and wrought upon in their hearts; but sometimes also withdraws the gifts which they had, and exposes

them to such objects as their corruption makes occasions of sins; and give them over to their own lusts, the temptations of the world and the power of Satan, whereby it comes to pass that they harden themselves, even under those means which God uses for the softening of others.

Call to Confession, No. 591

**"Jesus Calls Us"**  
Stanza 1, 3 & 5

GALILEE

Confession of Sin

Deuteronomy 5:7-8

Mr. Dan Gardener, *Ruling Elder*

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

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

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ, He forgave all your sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us, he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

*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. Gardner

The Mercy Offering

*The Deacons*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

**"Patiently Have I Waited"** (Psalm 40:1)  
*Trinity Choir*

*C. Saint-Saëns*

*Patiently, patiently have I waited for the Lord, and Lo! He heard my cry.*

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. Michael Wichlan

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.*

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Romans 1:18-32**  
Pew Bible, pg. 939

**The Morning Sermon "Why God is Right to be Angry at Humanity"**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**"A Debtor to Mercy Alone"** *text, Augustus Toplady, 1740*  
*tune, Bob Kauflin*

1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing. I  
 2. The work which your good - ness be - gan, the arm of your strength will com - plete. Your  
 3. My name from the palms of your hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase. Im -

come with your right - eous - ness on, my hum - ble of - fring to bring The judg - ments of your ho - ly  
 prom - ise is yes, and a - men, and ne'er was for - feit - ed yet. The fu - ture or things that are  
 pressed on your heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes, I to the end will en -

law with me can have noth - ing to do. My Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans -  
 now, no pow - er be - low or a - bove, can make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my  
 dure, un - til I bow down at your throne, for - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to

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

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

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols. I Peter 2:11; I John 5:21

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

Minister: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy—to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time, now and forever! Amen.

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

**Organ Postlude**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Arr. Robert J. Hughes*

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