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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

During corporate worship, we give concerted attention to the preaching of God's Word (II Timothy 4:2). How can we ensure that we profit spiritually from hearing the preached Word?

Before worship, we can prepare in advance by praying for a receptive heart and teachable spirit. During worship, we can examine what we hear by the Scriptures and receive its truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind. After worship, we can meditate upon the Word in our hearts and bring forth the fruit of it in our lives.

All of the above is impossible apart from the illumination of God's Holy Spirit. No preacher is dynamic, eloquent, and gifted enough to bring about life transformation in his hearers. For this reason, we humbly pray for God's Spirit to illumine the reading and preaching of His Word so that lives are transformed. Why not make the following your prayer of illumination as you prepare to hear God's Word preached?

*Father, amidst all the changing words of our generation,  
speak now Your eternal Word that doesn't change  
and grant us grace to respond as we ought,  
with faith, understanding and obedience.  
For Jesus' sake, Amen.*

## GOD SPEAKS HIS UNCHANGING WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" . . . . . Fred Bock  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

SOLO INTROIT: "Speak, O Lord" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

*Ginger Statom, soprano*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . David A. Bowen

✦HYMN OF ADORATION: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" . . . . . HYMN TO JOY

**God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word.  
Each from age to age proclaiming God,  
The one the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast —  
God is King, His throne eternal;  
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus;  
Christ the everlasting Son.  
Brightness of the Father's glory  
With the Father ever one.  
Spoken by the Word incarnate  
God of God ere time was born —  
Light of light to earth descending,  
Christ as God in human form.**

God is speaking by His Spirit;  
Speaking to our hearts again.  
In the ageless Word expounding  
God's own message now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast —  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
God the first and God the last

◆PSALTER LESSON . . . . . Selections from Psalm 119

How can those who are young keep their way pure?  
By living according to your word.  
I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.  
Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.**

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.  
Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.

**The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
Open my eyes that I may behold wonderful things in your law.**

Great peace have those who love your law,  
and nothing can make them stumble.

**I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.  
How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

It was good for me to be afflicted  
so that I might learn your decrees.  
Be good to your servant while I live,  
that I may obey your word.

**Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
but now I obey your word.  
My soul faints with longing for your salvation,  
but I have put my hope in your word.**

Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.

**I run in the path of your commands,  
for you have set my heart free.  
Turn my eyes away from worthless things;  
preserve my life according to your word.**

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . HYMN 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!

◆PRAYER OF ADORATION

# GOD SPEAKS HIS PARDONING WORD

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Gracious Father,  
 we confess that we have become dull of hearing  
 by not responding to Your Word  
 with faith, understanding, and obedience.  
 Instead of faith, doubt permeates our hearts.  
 Instead of understanding, confusion saturates our minds.  
 Instead of obedience, willfulness pervades our lives.  
 Pardon us for allowing the cares, riches and pleasures of this life  
 to choke out the fruitfulness of Your Word.  
 Have mercy upon us and transform us  
 for our good and Your glory, Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

#### ♠HYMN OF SUPPLICATION: "Speak, O Lord" ..... Keith Getty



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food  
 2. Teach us Lord full o-be-di-ence, ho-ly rev-er-ence,



of Your ho-ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
 true hu-mil-i-ty. Test our thoughts and our at-ti-tudes



Shape and fash-ion us in Your like-ness, that the light of  
 in the ra-di-ance of Your pu-ri-ty. Cause our faith to



Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love  
 rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma-jes-tic love



and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-  
 and au-thor-i-ty. Words of pow'r that can



fill in us all Your pur-pos-es, for Your glo-ry.  
 nev-er fail; Let their truth pre-vail o-ver un-be-lief.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY SOLO: "How Firm a Foundation" ..... arr. Paul Jones

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
 To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
 For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
 I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . Keith Getty

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN . . . . . Robert C. O’Kelley

## GOD SPEAKS HIS TRANSFORMING WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON . . . . . II Timothy 4:1-8  
(page 996 in *pew Bible*)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *Preach the Word* Michael C. Davis

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

No. 644 “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” . . . . . ST. LEONARDS

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . . . Karg-Elert/Bock

✦ Indicates congregation standing

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