



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 23, 2015



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

There are many wonderful invitations in the Bible to people like us.

Some invitations call us to worship God.

For example, Psalm 95:6-7 says:

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.”

Others are addressed to the thirsty.

“To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost
from the spring of the water of life.” *Revelation 21:6*

One of Jesus’ most tender invitations is to weary people.

“Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.” *Matthew 11:28*

However, the sweetest of them all is when Jesus says:

“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” *John 10:9*

This appears to me the sweetest of all, for it is said, “If anyone...”

It is not said, if any thirsty man, if any weary man, if any burdened man,
but “if anyone enters by me, he will be saved” and have eternal, abundant life.

This is Jesus’ invitation to you today. Make sure that you have heeded His
invitation and, then, prepare your heart to worship our Savior who is most
worthy of our full devotion!

— Adapted from Robert Murray McCheyne, *A Basket of Fragments*, 1843

HOLDING THE HAND OF A SOVEREIGN GOD

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: “Commit Now All Your Grievs” Dan Marvin

CHORAL INTROIT: “Guide My Feet” Trad. Spiritual/arr. Henry Leck

Guide my feet while I run this race!
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,
For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand, Lord, run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Guide and lead me ‘til my days are done.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Lead me all the way, ‘til I find my home.

Guide, guide my feet while I run this race.
I’m Your child, Lord, I’m Your child.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Joshua D. Yates

◆HYMN OF TRUST: No. 669 “Commit Now All Your Grievs” DIADEMATA
stanzas 1-3

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

**Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIADEMATA

**Far, far above your thought
His counsel shall appear,
When fully He the work has wrought
That caused your needless fear.
Leave to His sovereign will
To choose and to command;
With wonder filled, you then shall own
How wise, how strong His hand.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

*Landon Parker Jones, born November 4, 2014, son of Allison and Parker Jones
Wynne Stockley Uhlhorn, born December 19, 2014, daughter of Nikki and Walker Uhlhorn
Sadie Anne Wilson, born August 28, 2014, daughter of Becky and Jay Wilson*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

TRUSTING THE HEART OF A GRACIOUS GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father,
 You are the sovereign Lord who rules over all.
 Forgive us for our reluctance
 to relinquish control
 of our lives, resources, and plans.
 You are the covenant Lord
 who always keeps Your promises.
 Pardon us for not resting in Your faithfulness
 and trusting Your Word.
 Cleanse and renew us by the precious blood of the Lamb
 Who died and rose again to take away our sin, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 192 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" WEIL ICH JESU SCHAFLEIN BIN
Stanzas 1 & 2: Emily Smith, soloist
Interlude
Stanzas 1-3: Congregation

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS David A. Bowen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "How Much I Owe" arr. John Hudson

When this passing world is done, when has sunk yon glaring sun,
 When I stand with Christ on high, looking o'er life's history:
 Then, Lord, shall I fully know not till then how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me; wakened up from wrath to flee;
 Hidden in the Savior's side; by the Spirit sanctified:
 Teach me, Lord, on earth to show, by Thy love, how much I owe.

Oft the nights of sorrow reign weeping, sickness, sighing, pain;
 But, when fear is at the height, Jesus comes, and all is light;
 Blessed Jesus! bid me show doubting saints how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne, dressed in beauty not my own;
 When I see Thee as Thou art, love Thee with unsinning heart.
 Then, Lord, shall I fully know not till then how much I owe.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REDHEAD 76

**When the praise of heav'n I hear, loud as thunders to the ear,
 Loud as many waters' noise, sweet as harp's melodious voice,
 Then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.**

**Chosen not for good in me, wakened up from wrath to flee,
 Hidden in the Savior's side, by the Spirit sanctified,
 Teach me, Lord, on earth to show, by Thy love, how much I owe.**

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Gabriel C. Statom

HEEDING THE INVITATION OF A GENEROUS GOD

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:7-10
(page 896 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 *The Door to Life* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 469 "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" ... ST. COLUMBA

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont" Louis Vierne
Samuel Metzger, organ

✦Indicates congregation standing

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