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April 24, 2016 Season of Eastertide



A Word on Worship

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

Corporate worship is designed to ignite in us a greater love for the one, true, living God. Apart from the work of His Spirit, we naturally love our money, our pleasure, and ourselves more than Him (2 Timothy 3:1-4). We gather for worship so that our Lord might progressively liberate us from our idolatries and therefore reign supreme in our lives.

For this purpose, our Lord uses such heart-calibrating practices as:

- singing to make the greatness of His love more vivid,
- confessing how we have fallen in our efforts to loyally love our Lord,
- hearing His Word read and proclaimed so that we know more fully His loving heart,
- giving back to the Lord His resources as a tangible evidence of our love for Him,
- and heeding His commission to rescue other wandering, weak sheep like ourselves.

Ask the Lord to use our worship today to give you answers to the following questions: What will you do in the near future simply because you love the Lord Jesus? What will you stop doing only because you love Him? May God's love so reign in your heart that you steadily persevere in serving Him.

Our God Loves Us

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Festive Prelude on "O Love of God How Strong and True" Charles Callahan Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Sonata for Two Flutes in G Major".....J.S. Bach Dee Walker and Brittney Patterson, flutes

SOLO MEDITATION: "The Lamb" William Blake

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed, by the stream and o'er the mead, Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing wooly, bright, Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice! Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee. Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for He calls himself a Lamb. He is meek and He is mild, He became a little child. I a child and thou a lamb, we are called by His name. Little Lamb, God bless thee. Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Abby Brown soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP......D. Todd Erickson

+HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE: No. 81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True" . . JERUSALEM

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-19	Ethan Knight (8:15)
(page 907 in pew Bible)	Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

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) Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.

Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Coley Stout, Claire Schneider, and Abby Brown

Our Shepherd Restores Us

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You said, "If you love Me, you will obey what I command." Forgive us for our lukewarm love and disobedience. Lord, You said, "You may ask for anything in My name." Pardon us for thinking that we must solve our own problems. Lord, You said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. Lord, You said, "You must testify, for you have been with Me." We acknowledge, Lord, that too often we remain silent, loving the approval of others more than Yours. Have mercy upon us and restore to us the joy of our salvation for the glory of Your great name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

+HYMN OF LOVE TO CHRIST:

No. 649 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
stanzas 1 & 2
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGSDan G. Burns
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me" Philip Wilby Text from John 14:15-18
If ye love me, keep my commandments, And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever: Even the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.
♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Our Lord Commissions Us

♦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Lee Taylor

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.

ORDINATION OF TEZAR PUTRA TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY (11:00)

Commission: Mike Stokke, Barton Kimbro, Michael Davis, Matt Terhune, David Stenberg, Daniel Williams, Dick Cain, Dan Burns

Vows of Ordination

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you affirm and adopt the "Essentials of the Faith" without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Do you promise subjection to your fellow presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Are you now willing to accept the call of an Evangelist for World Outreach, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge the duties of an Evangelist?

Congregational Vows

Do you promise to support Tezar with your prayers, to give encouragement in his work, and to assist him in every way as he seeks to proclaim the gospel and labor in church planting in Jakarta, Indonesia?

Do you, as members of his home church, commit yourselves to participate in supporting the terms of call World Outreach has extended to make provision for Tezar's needs that the Name of Christ may be glorified?

SERMON

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

+HYMN OF ADORATION: No. 648 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" CARITAS

♦BENEDICTION



ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini

†Indicates congregation standing

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Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Pastoral Care

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. You may also contact a member of our pastoral team directly using the information below.

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Gathering on the Grounds

We invite you to bring lawn chairs and a picnic and join our church family on the Poplar football field this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship and music, followed by evening worship outdoors.