



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 23, 2017
Eastertide


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Believers in Jesus Christ have an unusual custom — they sing through their troubles. This pattern starts early in the life of the church. In Acts 16, an angry mob in Philippi physically assaults Paul and Silas. They incarcerate them and about midnight Paul and Silas are praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners are listening to them (v. 25).

Why did they sing? Why are we to sing? Scripture-inspired hymns remind them and us of two important things: Who our God is and what our God has promised in the midst of painful circumstances. Martin Luther's "Fair and Glorious Gift" summarizes the power of music for suffering saints:

*Music is a fair and glorious gift of God.
I would not for the world forego my humble share of music.
Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry,
and smile through their troubles in song.
Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable.
I am strongly persuaded that after theology
there is no art than can be placed on a level with music;
for besides theology, music is the only art
capable of affording peace and joy of the heart...
the devil flees before the sound of music
almost as much as before the Word of God.*

Pray and ask the Lord to show you who He is and what He has promised you as you hear His Word, pray His Word, and sing His Word this morning!

SHARE IN THE PRAISES OF JESUS CHRIST

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Processional" William Mathias
Samuel Metzger, organ

HANDBELL PRELUDE:
"Festive Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH" arr. Cathy Moglebust
Second Ringers Handbell Choir

CHORAL INTROIT: "The Strife is O'er" G. Palestrina
arr. Young

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph now has begun:
Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed,
for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.** *Isaiah 43:2*

But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.’
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. *II Corinthians 12:9*

**For he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’
So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear; what can man do to me?’** *Hebrews 13:5b,6*

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOUNDATION

**The soul that on Jesus has 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!” Amen.**

◆PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Evan Joshua Hammons, born October 27, 2016, son of Rachel and Brandon Hammons
Liam Jacob Farnsworth, born April 21, 2016, son of Emily and Graham Farnsworth
George Robert Plosser, born July 12, 2016, son of Mary and Mac Plosser*

11:00

*Emma Paige Amagliani, born September 2, 2016, daughter of Natalie and Louis Amagliani
Jeffrey David Speer, born April 23, 2016, son of Jess and David Speer*

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.**

SHARE IN THE PARDON OF JESUS CHRIST

HANDBELL MEDITATION: "Recollection" Timothy Waugh

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our heavenly Father,
we confess that we often do not live up to the family name.
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,
more ready to manipulate than to serve,
more ready to fear than to love,
and more ready to keep our distance than to welcome.
Forgive us for allowing times of affliction and disappointment
to cause us to doubt Your promises and Your love.
In light of all that Jesus suffered for us,
make us more humble under Your correction;
more watchful against temptation;
more zealous in Your service;
and more willing to deny ourselves and take up our own cross.
For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 689 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA
stanzas 1-3

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. L. Brett Wynne

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Eternal King" Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not just for the hope of heaven thereby,
Nor just because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not just the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;
Not just the hope of gaining aught, or seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Gladly because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FINLANDIA

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Dylan Franklin

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.**

SHARE IN THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS CHRIST

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:24-25
(page 983 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 *Indispensable Suffering* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF THE CHURCH: No. 447 “Christ for the World We Sing” . . ITALIAN HYMN

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”Diane Bish

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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Anne Thompson, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Mimi Vestal, Beth Fischer, B.J. Webster,
Lily Humphreys, Terri Theil, director*