



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 30, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Eastertide



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Have you ever wondered why we regularly confess our sins to God? The regular discipline of confession enables us to grasp more fully the beauty and wonder of grace as we are made continually aware of the depth of our need of God's unmerited favor.

Christopher Ash explains that we also confess our sins "to encourage self-examination that leads to daily repentance, not morbid introspection that leads to despair." Therefore, do not let our time of confession lead you to despair since God's Word reminds us what our God does with our sin: "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you" (Isaiah 44:22).

Our written corporate prayer of confession serves to prime the pump of your heart in facilitating an honest confession of your particular sins to the Lord. One of the most encouraging moments in our service occurs when a pastor says: "...if your faith is in Jesus Christ, then I can assure you, based on the promise of God's Word, that your sins are forgiven...." Let us prepare our hearts for worship by remembering how forgiven, accepted and loved we are by our Lord.

SING THE TRIUMPHS OF HIS GRACE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Thine Be the Glory"Alexandre Guilmant
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
"Andante" from *Violin Concerto in D*Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Clay Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: "If You Search With All Your Heart" Craig Courtney

When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of the bondage; I will bring you home to me.

*Youth Ensemble
Christy Young, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

♠LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:
Acts 3:6-10; 4:11-12. Ginni Fischer (8:15)
Don Batchelor (11:00)

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold,
but what I do have I give to you.

**In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
rise up and walk!"**

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up,
and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

**And leaping up he stood and began to walk,
and entered the temple with them,
walking and leaping and praising God.**

And all the people saw him walking and praising God,
and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate
of the temple, asking for alms.

**And they were filled with wonder and amazement
at what had happened to him.**

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you,
the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

**And there is salvation in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven given among men
by which we must be saved."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON

**Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SAVOR THE WONDER OF HIS GRACE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father,
You sent Your Son to rescue us from a life of self-absorption.

**Yet we fall short of Your call
to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.**

You asked for our hands that You might use them to serve others

**We gave them for a moment
then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

You asked for our mouths to speak of our Savior.

**Pardon us for blushing to speak His name
because we did not want to experience rejection.**

You asked for our eyes
to see those around us who are spiritually and physically impoverished.

Forgive us for closing our eyes for we did not want to be troubled.

You asked for our lives that You might work through us.

**We gave a small part
that we might not get too involved and be labeled fanatics.**

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve You—

**only when it is convenient to do so,
only in those places where it is safe and easy.
Cleanse our hearts and send us out as useful vessels
prepared for every good work.
For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 523 "My Hope Is in the Lord" WAKEFIELD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" . . . Craig Courtney

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices,
Jesus reigns, the God of Love;
See He sits upon the throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!*

Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens
All above and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,
Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth;
When we think of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, O bring the glorious day
When, the mighty summons hearing,
Heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then with all the saints we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Steve Hancock, Director*

✦DOXOLOGY. OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) J. Ronald Hickman

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.**

STEWARDSHIP OF THE TREASURE OF HIS GRACE

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Colossians 1:24-2:5
(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 *Is Your Ministry From God?* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 165 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” LYONS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

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

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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