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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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*Trinity Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Corporate worship serves as a spiritual conversation between our heavenly Lord and us. James reminds us of what is supposed to happen when we gather for worship: “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you” (4:8).

Those who lead us in worship are tasked with facilitating this conversation between God and His people. This dialogical framework permeates our services: God speaks to us and we respond to Him. Sometimes our leaders speak for God to us and, other times, they speak to God for us.

Let us prepare our hearts to meet with the One who delights to be called our friend. John Owen offers us this simple prayer to guide us: “Christ is our best friend now, and, before long, He will be our only friend... Therefore, I pray to God with all my heart that I may be weary of everything else but to converse and commune with Him.”

This is a most fitting prayer for us as we resume our sermon series through the book of Colossians where the Apostle Paul draws out the practical implications of our union with Christ by faith. Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

## PRAISE THE EVERLASTING KING OF HEAVEN

ORGAN PRELUDE: “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” . . . . . Fred Bock  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought” . . . .Mark Hayes  
*Jill Peak, piano*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan G. Burns

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 76 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” . . . .LAUDA ANIMA  
*stanzas 1-4*

♠PROPHETIC LESSON: Daniel 7:9-14 . . . . . Will Stevens

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

**A stream of fire issued and came out from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  
the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.**

And as I looked, the beast was killed,  
and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.  
As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away,  
but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

**I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,**

and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.  
And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,

**that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;**

his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,

**and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.**

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him with us the God of grace. Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRIZE THE GRACIOUS PARDON OF JESUS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent,  
for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ;  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways  
to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Holy Spirit" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Michael C. Davis

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" . . . . . arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal.  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee.  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee.  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be, give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee.  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;  
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

*The Chancel Choir  
Christy Young, Director*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your Church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

PURSUE THE HEAVENLY LIFE OF CHRIST

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

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 . . . . . Colossians 3:1-4  
*(page 984 in the 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 *Identity Orientation* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision" . . . . . SLANE

♣BENEDICTION

♣CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" . . . . .Albert Travis

♣Indicates congregation standing

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**Sunday Night Worship & Ice Cream Social**

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. Tonight, our worship will be led by our student ministries team. Kevin McQuillen will conclude our summer series on the Miracles of Christ by preaching through John 2:1-12. Following worship, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social. At that time, the new family curriculum/ devotion books will be available to pick up.