



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 27, 2017
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We craft our worship services in order to inspire and motivate you for two things: To cultivate a worshipful spirit towards the Lord and a servant heart towards others.

The psalmist writes: “My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long” (Psalm 71:8). How do we cultivate this spirit of worship? By actively remembering that we are people who have been rescued from eternal peril. “My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you — I, whom you have redeemed” (71:23).

Our worship of the Lord is also a means by which we serve others and pass on to them the baton of faith. The psalmist declares: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come (71:18).

Matthew Henry comments on this verse: “It is a debt which the old disciples of Christ owe to the succeeding generations to leave behind them a solemn testimony to the power, pleasure, and advantage of knowing Jesus Christ, and the truth of God’s promises.”

Ask the Lord to make your life a powerful testimony to the value of knowing Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word!

SING THE LORD’S PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fanfare on “Holy, Holy, Holy” Christopher Tambling
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Andante and Allegro” from *Sonata No. 2* J. S. Bach
Clay Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: “This Is the Day” John L. Wilson
This is the day the Lord hath made;
Let us rejoice and be glad!
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, Director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy M. Johnson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 604 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” MARION
stanzas 1-5

♠PSALTER LESSON: Select Verses from Psalm 71 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Nate Mahrt (11:00)

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!**

Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;

**you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;
you are he who took me from my mother’s womb.

**My praise is continually of you.
My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all the day.**

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength is spent.

**O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,

**until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;

**from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again.**

My lips will shout for joy,

**when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MARION

**Then on, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SAVOR THE LORD'S PEACE

LITANY OF CONFESSION OF SIN

**God our heavenly Father,
Your Son offers us a truly beautiful life when He announces:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit." Yet we are rich in pride.
"Blessed are those who mourn." Yet we do not grieve over our sin.
"Blessed are the meek." Yet we insist upon and assert our own rights.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."
Yet our lives are filled with other desires.
"Blessed are the merciful." Yet we relate to others harshly and impatiently.
"Blessed are the pure in heart."
Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and actions.
"Blessed are the peacemakers."
Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness."
Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways, priorities, and values of the world.
Forgive us for blushing to speak Your name
and to make known that we are Yours.
Have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCEVILLE DU HAVRE

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.**

*It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER.L. Brett Wynne

**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.**

COMMISSIONING OF THE WESTMINSTER SINGERS (8:15)

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Sing to the Lord a New Song” Robert Lau

People of tongues of ev’ry nation sing to the Lord a new song.
Bring Him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.
All God’s creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.
He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song.
Join in a hymn of adoration. Praise Him!

Praise His name, sing “Alleluia!” Praise Him for His mighty deeds.
This is our song, our supplication: “Sing to the Lord a new song.”
Praise Him, shining stars, and praise Him highest heavens.
O, all kings and princes praise His holy name.
Angels above make melody to Him.
Now lift your voice, lift up your heart and sing!

Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song.
Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song.
Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance, and shout for joy.
Make music now as heav’n rejoices, sing! Sing! Sing a new song.

✦DOXOLOGYOLD 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) Kirsten Scheel

SERVE THE LORD'S FAMILY

EPISTLE LESSONColossians 3:18-4:1
(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 *The Chief End of Our Relationships* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 585 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"HENDON

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon Sortie" Henri Mulet

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778