



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 5, 2018
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), one of the most prolific hymn writers of all time, crafted more than 8,900 hymns and poems. Although “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” may seem like a standard hymn of praise to God, there is a deep theology within it.

During the time of this hymn, Methodists experienced severe persecution by the Church of England. In “Ye Servants of God,” Wesley provided a way for the persecuted Christians of the time to sing a hymn of praise amidst the turmoil, with the reminder of God’s gracious gift of salvation and love.

The first stanza begins with God and the praise that God’s servants offer to Him. By the end of the first stanza, the poet mentions the glorious kingdom that “rules over all,” pointing toward heaven. As the hymn progresses, the focus shifts more from the Father and His acts to Christ in the penultimate stanza. Finally, in the last stanza, everyone should adore God because of the Father’s works and Christ’s sacrifice.

This hymn reminds the Church that God’s love is more powerful than any enemy that assails us. It also calls us to confidently rest in the riches of His grace. Let us do so together as we worship our Triune God!

ASCRIBE GLORY TO THE LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE:

“Sonata in B Major” (Andante, Allegro, Larghetto, Allegretto) . . .Alessandro Besozzi
Greg Luscombe, trombone, Samuel Metzger, organ

A WORD ON WORSHIP George Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Holy Is the Lord” Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father; holy is the Son.
Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.

*Summer Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP David Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 165 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” LYONS

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Question 60 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Elizabeth Wall (11:00)

How are you righteous before God?

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction,
righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleulia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

REST ON THE MERCY LAP OF THE LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
You have liberated us from darkness,
and You have set us on paths of righteousness
for your name’s sake.
Yet we have strayed from Your way;
we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember Your lavish gift of Your grace, O God,
we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with You,
and in whose strong name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Psalm 130:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Fairest Lord Jesus” Derek Hakes; arr. Courtney

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Tim Russell

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

ABIDE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 535 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" . . . EBENEZER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:16-40
(page 925 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 *Liberating Grace* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "March" from *Sonata in C Minor* Hannes Meyer

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Getting Connected at Second

A pastor 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. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

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I. Demons

A. Believe their reality

B. Bravely confront

C. Boldly pray

II. Disbelief

A. True freedom

B. Transformed

C. Truly simple