

# Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twenty-ninth Day of May, Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Eastertide

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Lead, Kindly Light" ..... Dale Wood

A WORD ON WORSHIP        *The Theater of His Majesty*        Sanders L. Willson

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION:

"All Creatures of Our God and King" ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SOLO INTROIT: "Morning Has Broken" ..... arr. Mack Wilberg

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning  
God's recreation of the new day!

*Abby Brown, soloist*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Darrin S. Anthony

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 125 "Let All Things Now Living" ..... ASH GROVE

♠READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH:

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31..... Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)  
Gregory T. Wilkinson (11:00)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**The earth was without form and void,  
and darkness was over the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

**And God saw that the light was good.**

And God separated the light from the darkness.  
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

**And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.  
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea  
and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock  
and over all the earth and over every creeping thing  
that creeps on the earth."

**So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.**

And God blessed them. And God said to them,  
"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it  
and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds  
of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."

**And it was so.**

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

**And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . ASH GROVE

**With voices united our praises we offer,  
To You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
To You, our Redeemer, forever be praise.  
We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your great name, glad praises we sing.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us confess our sins against our Creator and His creation.

**It is good for us to do so.**

Almighty God, Who made the heavens and the earth  
and all that dwells within them,  
that You might display the glory of Your handiwork,  
we have failed to thank You as we ought for Your good gifts.

**Please forgive us, dear Lord.**

You have called us to rule over the creation with tender care,  
and yet we have often exploited it  
and polluted it and diminished its beauty.

**Please forgive us, dear Lord.**

You have graciously forgiven us for all our sins  
and have renewed our calling to steward Your creation;  
wherefore, we plead with You to give us wisdom and strength  
to cultivate, preserve, and beautify  
what Your hands have made.

**Please help us, dear Lord.**

We worship You, Maker of all things,  
and we join with all creation in singing Your praises.

**All praise be to God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.**

✦ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

No. 4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" . . . . . MIT FREUDEN ZART  
*stanzas 1, 3 & 6*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD . . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

SOLO ANTHEM: "This Is My Father's World" . . . . . arr. Mack Wilberg

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees; of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustl'ing grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'ry where.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns! Let the earth be glad!

*Robert Sutton, soloist*

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH . . . . . Deuteronomy 20:19-20  
*(page 163 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 *Living in the World:  
Go Easy on the Trees* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Your world abounds with common grace,  
What wonders bless the land!  
And on through boundless starry space,  
Your matchless works expand.

We thank you, Lord, for plains and hills,  
With mountains thrusting high;  
Help us to fight the greed and waste  
That drain their treasures dry.

In high thanksgiving for Your love,  
From which earth’s beauties flow,  
Help us to guard the air above  
And waters spread below.

As all creation now displays  
The glory of Your Name,  
May we Your servants bring You praise  
By tending what You made.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Woodlands” .....J. Wayne Kerr

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Marian Shaffer, harp; Dee Walker, flute; Lenora Morrow, organ*

*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

*One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to [pastor@2pc.org](mailto:pastor@2pc.org) with questions about your spiritual life.*

**Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal worship service — a time of prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord’s Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.