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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 2, 2012



Praising His Name

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

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Master Tallis' Testament" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Lenora Morrow, Organist

A WORD ON WORSHIP *The Crux of Christian Worship* Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: "Cross of Christ" G.T. Thalben-Ball

O Cross of Christ, immortal tree on which our Savior died,
The world is sheltered by your arms that bore the crucified.

From bitter death and barren wood the tree of life is made;
Its branches bear unfailing fruit and leaves that never fade.

O faithful cross, you stand unmoved while ages run their course:
Foundation of the universe, creation's binding force.

Give glory to the risen Christ and to His cross give praise,
The sign of God's unfathomed love, the hope of all our days.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, Assistant Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael G. Stokke

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 263 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

✦EPISTLE READING: Romans 3:19-26 David T. Popwell (8:15)
Christopher M. Taylor (11:00)

Now we know that whatever the law says
it speaks to those who are under the law,
so that every mouth may be stopped,
and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

**For by works of the law
no human being will be justified in his sight,
since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**For there is no distinction:
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,
to be received by faith.**

This was to show God's righteousness,
because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**It was to show his righteousness at the present time,
so that he might be just
and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Receiving His Grace

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Who loved us and gave Yourself for us,
and Who calls us to take up our cross and follow You,
forgive us for not trusting You
and for every act of cowardice and disobedience.
Grant that we might boast in Your cross and lift up our own cross
that the world may hear of Your redeeming love
and come to praise Your saving Name,
both now and forevermore. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF THE CROSS: No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"...HAMBURG

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... Andrew P. Wells

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Follow Me".....Lee Dengler
based on Mark 8:34

If you are longing to walk with Me
You must deny yourself.
If you would now My disciple be,
You must take up your cross and follow Me.

If all you seek is an earthly life,
That is all you will find.
But if you're willing to sacrifice
And lose your life in Mine,
Come and follow Me.

I have come to bring life more abundantly.
I am the Way, the Truth, I am the Life.
So come and follow Me.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....ELLESDIE

**Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heav'n are still my own.**

**Lord, Thy grace has sought and found us;
Thou hast bought us by Thy blood;
Thou hast giv'n us life eternal,
And for us made all things good.
So, may these, our tithes and off'rings,
To Thy praise and honor be;
And may these, our souls and bodies,
Be our sacrifice to Thee.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

Believing His Word

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.**

GOSPEL READING..... Mark 8:31-9:1
(page 844 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 *The Cross-Centered Gospel* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF FAITH: No. 251 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"ST. CHRISTOPHER

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Finale from Symphonie II" Charles Marie Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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 with questions about your spiritual life.

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service 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.