



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 4, 2013



Praising His Name

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray and reflect on the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

Most loving Father, Whose will it is for us
to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of You,
and to cast all our care on You Who care for us:
Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,
that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us
the light of Your love which is immortal,
and which You have revealed to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN IMPROVISATION: "St. Thomas" L. Morrow
Lenora Morrow, organ

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Paul Manz
Jay Cox, organ

✦RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:22-24, 28 Gerry A. Peak

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful,
and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.**

✦HYMN OF ADORATION:
No. 345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN
stanzas 1-3

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: select verses from Psalm 39 Alyssa Champion (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

O Lord, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!**

Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!

**And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin,
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
surely all mankind is a mere breath!

**Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Receiving His Grace

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous Father,
we beseech Your forgiveness
for not resisting the lie that life consists
in the abundance of possessions.
We are conditioned to believe that bigger is better.
An insatiable desire for security and status
breeds greed in our hearts.
Pardon us for the times
that we have planned for the future
with no regard for You and Your will.
Banish fretfulness and worldly mindedness from us
so that we might find our security in Whose we are
rather than in what we have. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 460 "Amazing Grace!" AMAZING GRACE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO OFFERTORY: "Tune Me, O Lord" Paul Jones
text by Christina Rossetti

Tune me, O Lord, into one harmony
With Thee, one full responsive vibrant chord;
Unto Thy praise all love and melody, tune me, O Lord.

Thus need I flee not death, nor fire, nor sword.
A little while these be, then cease to be,
And sent by Thee not these should be abhorred.

Devil and world, gird me with strength
To flee the flesh, and arm me with Thy word:
As Thy heart is to my heart, unto Thee, tune me, O Lord.

Ginger Statom, soloist; David Dennis, piano

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

Hearing His Word

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Andrew E. Keasling

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER A. Malotte

Our Father, Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 12:13-21
(page 871 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 *Jesus Engages the Self-consumed* Richard G. Cain

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 353 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ST. THOMAS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Nicaea" arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

✦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 - 6:00 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.