

# Our City, Our Children

Order for the  
PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

**CITY**  **SERVE**  
2013

September 29, 2013  
CityServe Sunday

# Called to Serve

*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 reflect on and pray through this prayer as you prepare for worship.*

O God, because without You we are not able to please You,  
mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

"Improvisation on HYFRYDOL" ..... arr. L. Morrow  
"Horn Concerto No. 2" ..... W. A. Mozart

## CHORAL INTROIT: "At the Cross" ..... Isaac Watts/Ralph Hudson

Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away,  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

*The Chancel Choir and Friends of the Neighborhood Christian Center  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

## CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Dan G. Burns

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

## ✦READING FROM THE PROPHETS: Jeremiah 29:4-7 . . . Dr. Harry Samuel Shaw IV (8:15) *Principal, Berclair Elementary School*

Reggie Davis (11:00)  
*Graham Heights Site Director, Streets Ministries*

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel,  
to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

**Build houses and live in them;  
plant gardens and eat their produce.**

Take wives and have sons and daughters;  
take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage,

**that they may bear sons and daughters;  
multiply there, and do not decrease.**

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile,

**and pray to the Lord on its behalf,  
for in its welfare you will find your welfare.**

## ✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... CRUCIFER

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

## ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

## Called to Love

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35 . . . . . Dennis J. Catalano (8:15)  
*(page 900 in pew Bible) U of M Campus Director, Campus Outreach*  
Samuel Stephen Moses III (11:00)  
*Resettlement Director, World Relief Memphis*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### 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.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "I Love the Lord" . . . . . Richard Smallwood  
I love the Lord; He heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to His throne.  
*Ephie Ballard, soloist*

### ♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**  
**In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

### ♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### ♠ GREETINGS

## Called to Share

### GATHERING THE CHILDREN (8:15)

**Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,  
God is love, God is love.**

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15). . . . . Lucy Berry  
*Director of Children's Ministry, Downtown Church*

### SENDING THE CHILDREN (8:15)

**Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children,  
God is love, God is love.**

INTRODUCTION OF OUR CITY SERVANTS. . . . . Edward J. Foster  
*Director of Domestic Missions*

A VIEW OF THE CITY: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" . . . . . arr. A. Powell

EPISTLE READING.....Ephesians 4:28  
(page 978 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 *Sharing with Those in Need* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

### Sent to Serve

✦HYMN OF MISSION: "Christ, You Call Us All to Service" .....HYFRYDOL

**Christ, you call us all to service,  
Call us all who follow you;  
Plant in us a deep commitment  
All your work and will to do.  
Fire a passion for your justice,  
In us kindle love of peace;  
Help us heal the brokenhearted,  
To the captive bring release.**

**Teach us how to work together,  
Brothers, sisters, side by side,  
Equal partners in the struggle,  
In the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given,  
Man or woman, young or old—  
Help us use each skill and talent  
Your great purpose to unfold.**

**Let us be a servant people,  
Reconciling, ending strife,  
Seeking ways more just of sharing  
And of ord'ring human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision  
Of this world as it should be;  
Send us forth to change that vision  
Into blest reality.**

✦DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to serve Memphis and the world  
as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**What God has said, we will do.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccatà in F Major" ..... J.S. Bach

✦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.*