



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 31, 2014



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

When followers of Jesus gather for corporate worship, we remind one another what we believe using an element of worship called the Confession of Faith. Various passages served this purpose for early churches, such as Philippians 2:5-11 and I Timothy 3:16. We often use ancient creeds like The Apostles' Creed for this purpose.

Occasionally, we incorporate a catechism question like we are using today. There are at least three reasons why we do this. First of all, it is a means of oath taking — much like United States citizens declaring their loyalty by quoting the Pledge of Allegiance. Secondly, it is a means of instruction by which the Holy Spirit inflames our minds and transforms our lives. Lastly, it is a means of encouraging one another (I Thessalonians 4:18).

There is really no greater question to contemplate today than how God's grace is revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For it is on this Gospel of grace that we stake our earthly lives and eternal destinies. Now, that is something worth affirming!

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O God Beyond All Praising"Gustav Holst; arr. Thiman
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Trio Sonata in C Major" George P. Telemann
Gabriel Statom, harpsichord; Brittney Patterson, flute; Long Long Kang, violin

CALL TO WORSHIPT. Barton Kimbro

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

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH:
Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 32. Alyssa M. Champion (8:15)
Candace C. Willis (11:00)

How is the grace of God revealed in the Gospel?

**The grace of God is revealed in the Gospel,
in that He freely provides and offers to sinners a Mediator,
and life and salvation in Him.
He requires faith as the condition for salvation,
and promises and gives His Holy Spirit to all his chosen ones,
to work in us that faith.
He enables us to live a holy life,
which is the evidence of true faith and thankfulness to God,
for the gracious way He saves sinners.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD'S SHEPHERDING GRACE

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

"Peace Like a River/Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" arr. Anna Laura Page

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

*Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.*

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,
at birth we, like helpless sheep,
are launched into a world ringed with terror —
conflicts, accidents, assaults, disease, violence, and death.
This often breeds in us a spirit of fear.
We confess this to You and ask Your forgiveness
for the ways that we fail
to trust in Your promises and rest in Your love.
Jesus laid down His life to rescue wayward sheep like us.
We praise You for Your intimate shepherding care
given to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd.
We make our prayer in His name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, How vast be-yond all mea-sure
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, My sin up - on His shoul-ders.
3. I will not boast in an -y-thing: No gifts, no power, no wis - dom.

That He should give His on - ly Son To make a wretch His trea-sure.
Ashamed I hear my mock-ing voice, Call out a - mong the scof-fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion.

How great the pain of sear-ing loss, The Fa-ther turns His face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there Un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from His re ward? I can-not give an ans - wer;

As wounds which mar the cho - sen One, Bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fi - nished.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ran - som.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Mack Wilberg
Text from Psalm 23

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil annoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE arr. Mack Wilberg

My shep - herd will sup - ply my need: Je - ho - vah is His name;
In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed, be - side the li - ving stream.
He brings my wan - d'ring spi - rit back, when I for - sake His ways,
And leads me for His mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

GOD'S GLORIOUS GRACE

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 LESSON John 1:14-18
(page 886 in the church 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

Grace Upon Grace

Michael G. Stokke

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 230

"Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" . . . QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fanfare" Richard Purvis

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight we begin a new sermon series titled "The Normal Christian Walk" — a series in which we will explore how the Lord becomes our first love, the ways in which the Church is our family, and how God's Mission is our purpose. We start with Christian Conversion, as explained in Mark 1:14-15. We invite you to worship with us.

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.