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October 5, 2014 *CityServe Sunday*



Preparation for Worship

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

Today we will profess together The Apostles' Creed — words that were not only written to *profess* our faith but to *live* it. The Holy Spirit uses the truths of the Creed to remake us by showing us that:

- Our lives are lived best with the triune God at the center: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Our lives are lived best knowing confidently what we believe.
- Our lives are lived best relationally. In reciting the creed we remind ourselves of the relationships that gather and guide us: Our relationship with God and His people, the Church.
- Our lives are lived best connected to the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Suffering and death do not have the final word. Our earthly journey is indeed filled with suffering and sorrows. Yet, the final word for worshippers of Jesus is life.

Let us gladly worship Him today and resolve to live in such a way that others throughout our city experience His gift of "life everlasting."

Serve the Lord with Gladness

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Partita on HYFRYDOL"	Charles Callahan
"Trio in Canon on WAYFARING STRANGER"	Don Hustad
"How Firm a Foundation"	arr. Ron Boud

Pam Dennis, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "Come, All You People"..... Folk Song from Zimbabwe

Come, all you people. Come, and praise the Most High! Come now and worship the King!

> The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Bryce King, Commissioned Pastor, Esperanza Church (8:15) Vivion Sisuse, 2PC Elder; Neighborhood Christian Centers (11:00)

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.

> The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

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Serve the Lord in Community

VIDEO: A VIEW OF THE CITY		from <i>The Mission</i>
	Emily Coates, clarinet	

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Benjamin Harlan

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you can't preach like Peter; if you can't pray like Paul, Just tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all. *Ephie Ballard Johnson, soloist*

♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BALM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Serve the Lord with Commitment

♦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Laurie Graves-Morris, Multi-National Ministries
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSIONSanders L. Willson
SOLO PRAYER: "The Lord's Prayer"Tommy Walker sung in Spanish
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. <i>Orgeny Carroll, soloist</i>
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 15:1-11 (page 923 in pew Bible) Yuna Jhang, Second Presbyterian Church Member (11:00)
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. (<i>Isaiah 40:6b, 8</i>)

SERMON

The Next Evangelism

Dr. Soong-Chan Rah

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT



†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Little Prelude in F Major" (BWV 556) J.S. Bach

Indicates congregation standing

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Welcome, Dr. Soong-Chan Rah

We are honored to have Dr. Soong-Chan Rah as our guest speaker today in our morning and evening worship services. Dr. Rah is a nationally known speaker; a seminary professor at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago; and the author of *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity* and of *Many Colors – Cultural Intelligence for a Changing Church.* He is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church and was founding senior pastor of a multi-ethnic, urban ministry-focused church, Cambridge Community Fellowship Church, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Sunday Night Worship and CityServe Reception

Tonight, we'll hear from Dr. Rah as a conclusion to our CityServe weekend. We invite you to worship with us at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following the service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to honor all of our ministry partners. Please take advantage of this opportunity to greet our ministry partners and to express appreciation for the ways in which they serve our city. This will also be an opportunity to gain information about ways to be involved and supportive of their ministries. Appetizers and desserts will be served.