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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 1, 2015



WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We are glad that you have joined us for World Missions Conference Sunday. We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ makes us a people for others — that we must take seriously our responsibility to make followers of our Savior not only here in Memphis but in every tribe, language, people, and nation.

John Piper offers this compelling challenge: “God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshippers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.”

As you worship today, ask the Lord to align your heart with His!

DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS

ORGAN PRELUDE: “March” Louis Lefébure-Wély
Samuel Metzger, organ

BRASS PRELUDE: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” arr. Sterling Procter

CHORAL INTROIT: “Declare The Glory Among the Nations” Lloyd Larson

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, praise His holy name.

Declare the glory among the nations; sing to the Lord a new song!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Theo Visser, Rotterdam (8:15)
Marcelo Robles, Buenos Aires (11:00)

♠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 263 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

♠ PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 Robert Hamd, Beirut (8:15)
Leslie Kuhn, Berlin (11:00)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

**I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.**

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick
he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

**He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.**

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

**“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;**

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

**to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

**Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRUCIFER

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

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION Jason, East Asia (8:15)
Dave, Middle East (11:00)

PROCLAIM HIS GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Steve Spencer, Lilongwe (8:15)
Bob Till, Europe (11:00)

**Gracious heavenly Father,
thank You for Your compassion for the lonely, oppressed,
and harassed peoples of the world.
You sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost,
but we confess our reluctance and fearfulness
to personally engage His mission.
Forgive us for being more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us.
For we pray in the exalted name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF CHRIST'S WITNESS: "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who



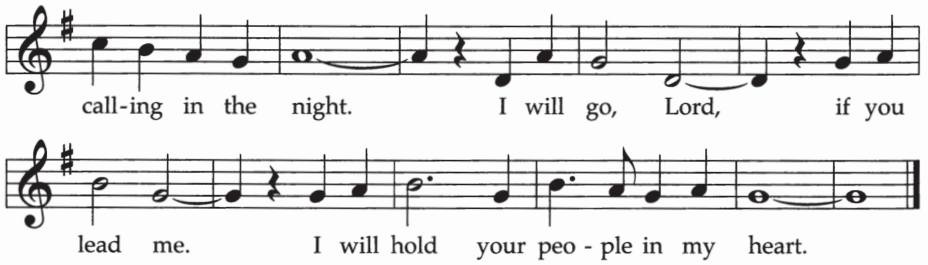
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Christ Calls Us Forth" K. Lee Scott

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim
To all in hopeless pain and need, the glory of His saving name.

*"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit
Comes to you, and you shall be my witnesses
In Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria,
To the utmost ends of the earth."*

Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told His wondrous birth,
To humble villages around, retell the Savior's matchless worth.

Christ sends us forth to Samaria to those different clan and race,
That they may know His loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace.

Christ sends us forth to the world around: "To every creature bear the word."
Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own Him as Lord.

✦DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Ryan and Glenda, Middle East

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES AND GUESTS

MISSIONARY INTERVIEWS Sanders L. Willson

The Prices, Middle East (8:15)
Scott and Tina Lawrence, Addis Ababa (11:00)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:4-14 Joseph, South Asia (8:15)
(page 829 in pew Bible) Jim Foote, Tyumen (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.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *The Gospel of Hope for the World in Despair* Peter Kuzmic

IMITATE HIS GENEROSITY FOR THE NATIONS

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Zion, Haste" arr. Craig Courtney

Choir:

Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach
The Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

Congregation joins:

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He Who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
Or of the life He died for them to win.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in Whom they live and move, is Love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Give of your sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Sortie in E flat" Louis Lefébure-Wély

✦Indicates congregation standing

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