



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 15, 2015



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We design our worship service to renew and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Our service has several movements that foster this renewal.

The first movement starts when the Lord calls us to worship Him. We acknowledge and praise God's holiness and greatness as we endeavor to worship Him acceptably in "spirit and in truth."

The second movement focuses on the Lord cleansing us of sin by grace as we confess our sins and receive anew His pardoning grace.

The third movement centers on God strengthening us and speaking to us through the public reading and proclamation of the Scriptures. The other means by which the Lord consecrates and strengthens us are the sacraments and intercessory prayer.

The final movement is when the Lord blesses us and sends us out to serve. Worshipping as a gathered community is never the final act of the church in this world. Instead, we are sent forth as God's servants to express and embody the Gospel to a lost and dying world.

Therefore, let us pray that our worship would not be rote and perfunctory, but that our worship would lead to a real encounter with the living Christ that leads to a significant transformation in our lives.

THE UNTAINTED BEAUTY OF HIS HOLINESS

ORGAN PRELUDE: "In Thee Is Gladness" J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Adagio" from *Concerto for Two Violins* J.S. Bach
Steve Hancock and Clay Hancock, violins

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAEA
stanzas 1-3

✦READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE: Revelation 4:1-8. Grace J. Knight (8:15)
Candace C. Willis (11:00)

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!
And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said,
"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

**At once I was in the Spirit,
and behold, a throne stood in heaven,
with one seated on the throne.**

And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian,
and around the throne was a rainbow
that had the appearance of an emerald.

**Around the throne were twenty-four thrones,
and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders,
clothed in white garments,
with golden crowns on their heads.**

From the throne came flashes of lightning,
and rumblings and peals of thunder,

**and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire,
which are the seven spirits of God,**

and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

**And around the throne, on each side of the throne,
are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:**

the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox,

**the third living creature with the face of a man,
and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.**

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings,
are full of eyes all around and within,
and day and night they never cease to say,

**“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE UNRIVALED BLESSING OF HIS GRACE

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Austin Timothy Browne, born April 15, 2013, son of Cindy and Griffin Browne
Archer Locke Coplin, born July 15, 2014, son of Lindsey and Luke Coplin
Caden Brett Wynne, born April 27, 2012, son of Rachel and Brett Wynne
Avery Grace Wynne, born August 23, 2014, daughter of Rachel and Brett Wynne*

11:00

*Jaxon Fox Farrell, born May 16, 2013, son of Hailey and Bobby Farrell
Paisley Jane Farrell, born May 7, 2014, daughter of Hailey and Bobby Farrell
Sophie Jane Joy, born June 4, 2014, daughter of Amanda and Justin Joy*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord
Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance
upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you
will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you
will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and
admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian
nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and majestic Father,
all of the inhabitants of heaven
are swift to serve and tireless to praise You.
We grieve our lethargic service and half-hearted worship.
Pardon our divided hearts and sharp tongues.
We ask Your forgiveness for our careless and critical words.
We have complained, whined, lied, bragged, slandered, and gossiped.
Transform us by Your Spirit
so that we speak life-giving words that build others up.
We ask this so that Jesus Christ
might be honored and exalted among us. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Holy, Mighty, Worthy" arr. Dan Forrest
Text by Chris Anderson

"Holy, holy, holy!" Seraph choirs extol Thee.
Bending wings, they humbly sing of Thy lofty majesty!
Thou alone art holy! Who on earth is like Thee?
Grant that we, like Thee, may be holy, holy, holy.

"Mighty, mighty, mighty!" Sun and stars declare Thee.
All creation joins to sing of Thy pow'r and deity!
Thou alone art mighty! Naught was made without Thee.
Grant that we Thy pow'r may see, mighty, mighty, mighty.

"Worthy, worthy, worthy!" Saints in heav'n exalt Thee.
Lamb, once slain, now raised to reign: Savior, Judge and conq'ring King!
Thou alone art worthy! All was made to please Thee.
Grant that we in heav'n may sing, "Worthy, worthy, worthy!"

"Glory, glory, glory!" We, Thy church, adore Thee.
Called by grace to bring Thee praise; trophies of Thy pow'r to save!
None shall share Thy glory! All shall bow before Thee.
Father, Son and Spirit: One! "Glory, glory, glory!" Amen.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Madelyn Carson, Music Intern, Conducting*

✦DOXOLOGY.....OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION..... T. Barton Kimbro

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) J. Ronald Hickman

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.**

THE UNEXPECTED DISPLAY OF HIS POWER

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:16-21
(page 891 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 *Rough Seas, Mighty Savior* David A. Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Praise to the Paschal Lamb” Denis Bédard

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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