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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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July 31, 2016



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

### A Prayer

O God, the protector of all who trust in You,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy;  
that, with You as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal,  
that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### A Reflection

If we acknowledge the God of the Bible,  
we are committed to a struggle for justice in society.  
Justice means giving to each his due.  
Our problem, as seen in the light of the Gospel,  
is that each of us overestimates what is due him  
compared with what is due to his neighbor.  
If I do not acknowledge a justice  
which judges the justice for which I fight,  
I am an agent, not of justice,  
but of lawless tyranny.  
Leslie Newbigin, *The Open Secret*

## SEEK THE LORD OF STEADFAST LOVE AND LIVE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Emperor's Fanfare" . . . . . Antonio Soler  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: Selections from "Trio Sonata in F" . . . . . G.F. Telemann  
*Hope Howard and Beverly Vance, flute; Howard Vance, guitar*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . D. Todd Erickson

◆ HYMN OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE:

No. 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" . . . . . ST. ANNE  
*stanzas 1-6*

◆ PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 90:1-4, 14-17 . . . . . Ginni Fischer (8:15)  
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... ST. ANNE

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SEEK THE LORD OF FAITHFUL MERCIES AND LIVE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON ..... Lamentations 3:21-23

*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.*

✦ HYMN OF GOD'S PRAISE: No. 32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... FAITHFULNESS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS ..... Michael C. Davis

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: "Wayfarin' Stranger" ..... arr. Howard Vance

*I'm a poor wayfaring stranger, while traveling through this world of woe.  
Yet there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go  
I'm going to see my Father — I'm going there no more to roam.  
I'm only going over Jordan; I'm only going over home.*

*I know dark clouds will hang 'round me, I know my way is rough and steep.  
Yet beautiful fields lie just before me where God's redeemed their vigils keep  
I'm going there to see my mother — she said she'd meet me when I come.  
I'm only going over Jordan; I'm only going over home.*

✦ GLORIA PATRI ..... GREATOR EX

**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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

# SEEK THE LORD OF PERFECT JUSTICE AND LIVE

## ✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Amos 5:1-27  
(page 767 in the 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 *A Memphis Summer* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF GOD'S CALLING: No. 263 "Lift High the Cross" ..... CRUCIFER

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ..... Richard Elliott

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## Getting Connected

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

## 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 continue our summer sermon series, which focuses on a special grouping of Psalms called the Songs of Ascent. We invite you to worship with us.