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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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June 18, 2017

*Trinity Season*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

On Father's Day, we delight to celebrate our earthly fathers. Yet, we acknowledge that every earthly daddy has feet of clay. There is only one perfect Father. Our creed calls Him the Father Almighty. Our Savior addresses this Almighty Father in an unprecedented way. He calls God Abba, which means daddy in Aramaic. Why does Jesus do this? He wants us to experience the same type of close and intimate relationship with God that He enjoys. He bids us to pray to the Father boldly and confidently, like a little child comes to a loving, approachable daddy.

In his classic book *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer asks this question: Who is a Christian? "This question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God for his Father."

When you personally come to know this Father, you seek what He seeks. You desire what He desires. What is His supreme desire? The glory of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (John 8:54). Let us prepare to worship our Father by glorifying His Son.

## OUR FATHER'S STUNNING GRANDEUR

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Trumpet Tune" . . . . . David German  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Adagio" from *Clarinet Concerto in A major* . . . W.A. Mozart  
*Emily Hancock, clarinet*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Let Us Make a Joyful Noise" . . . . . Douglas Wagner  
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.  
Praise, O praise the Lord! And make a joyful noise evermore!  
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)*  
*Steven Hancock, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . L. Brett Wynne

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" . . . . . JOANNA

♣PSALTER LESSON: Select verses from Psalm 103. . . . . Grace Knight (8:15)  
Haley Overcast (11:00)

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

**For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,

**and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.**

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
**and his kingdom rules over all.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . JOANNA

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

*Robert Andrews Bolding, born January 26, 2017, son of Wendy and Mark Bolding  
Samuel Warren Stone, born March 26, 2017, son of Jennifer and Ross Stone*

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.**

## OUR FATHER’S STAGGERING GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . . . based on Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.

*Let us confess the ways that we have been infatuated  
with making our name great rather than our Father’s.*

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*Let us confess the ways that we have pursued  
our kingdom and our wills more than God’s.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*Let us confess all of our ways of self-sufficiency  
and acknowledge our dependence.*

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

*Let us confess the ways that we have not pursued interpersonal reconciliation.*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Let us confess our own personal struggles with temptation and evil.*

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

*Let us confess the ways that we look to things other than our King  
for satisfaction, beauty, and worth.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 261 “What Wondrous Love Is This” . . . WONDROUS LOVE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "King of Glory, King of Peace" . . . . . Howard Helvey

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;  
And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing Thee;  
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me.  
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;  
In my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll Thee;  
E'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . WONDROUS LOVE

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### OUR FATHER'S SUPREME GOAL

✦ GREETINGS

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

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

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 8:48-59  
(page 895 in 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 *I Am the I Am* Richard G. Cain

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision" . . . . . SLANE

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" . . . . . Christopher Pardini

✦ Indicates congregation standing

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