



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

July 23, 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.*

We gather to worship the One who is the resurrection and the life. Our sermon text this morning describes one of the greatest miracles that our Lord Jesus ever worked. It supplies an undeniable proof of His divinity. Jesus Christ is the only One who gives spiritual, eternal, and abundant life. In fact, the life that comes through believing in Jesus is not interrupted by physical death. Death is a violent tyranny that Jesus Christ alone conquers. The irony, of course, is that Jesus gives life by giving up His own life on the cross. A further irony is that, by giving life to His friend Lazarus, Jesus sets in motion His own death.

Prepare your heart to worship our Lord by remembering:

- You have a friend in heaven of almighty power and boundless love who weeps with those who weep.
- You are thought of, cared for, provided for, and defended by God’s eternal Son. You have an unfailing Protector, who never slumbers or sleeps, and watches continually over you. The world may despise you, but you have no cause to be ashamed or afraid.
- You are a “friend of Jesus Christ” even after you die! The friendships of this world are often fair-weather friendships and fail us like summer-dried fountains, when our need is the greatest; but the friendship of the Son of God is stronger than death and goes beyond the grave. The Friend of sinners is a Friend who sticks closer than any brother or sister ever can.

– Adapted from J.C. Ryle’s Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of John

THE TRIUMPH OF HIS GRACE

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “The Prayer of St. Gregory” Alan Hovhanes
David Spencer, trumpet

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON
stanzas 1-5

♠EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:12-21. Ginni Fischer (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**But if there is no resurrection of the dead,
then not even Christ has been raised.**

And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

**We are even found to be misrepresenting God,
because we testified about God that he raised Christ,
whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.**

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

**And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.**

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

**If in Christ we have hope in this life only,
we are of all people most to be pitied.**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15am

Lacey Elizabeth Montague, born January 14, 2017, daughter of Rachel and Ross Montague

11:00am

Walker Stockley Uhlhorn IV, born November 14, 2016, son of Nikki and Walker Uhlhorn

William Haygood Dunavant, born August 18, 2010, son of Julie and Michael Dunavant

Michael Chrestman Dunavant, born November 16, 2016, son of Julie and Michael Dunavant

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.**

THE TRIUMPH OF HIS CROSS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We challenge You, Your plans, and Your ways saying:
"If You had been here, this would not have happened."
Forgive us for doubting Your sovereign power and abundant goodness.
Free us from our self-absorption to trust You and serve others.
Transform our lives that we may experience the joy of abundant life
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♣HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was
as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its
pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in
sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
grip on me; For I am His and He is
from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“Rise Up, O Men of God” William H. Walter, arr. Tracy Ann Biddle

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task rise up and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

*Men’s Choir
Christy Young, Director*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FESTAL SONG

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE TRIUMPH OF HIS POWER

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Jennifer Wilson

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 11:17-27
(page 897 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 Resurrection and the Life* Michael C. Davis

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA



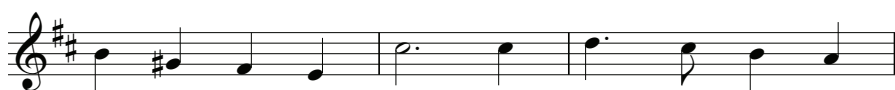
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his
2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and
3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri-umphed o'er the
4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther



throne: hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
 side— rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in
 grave, who rose vic - to - rious to the strife for
 known, one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from



mu - sic but its own! A - wake, my soul, and sing of
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the sky can
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, who
 yon - der glo - rious throne. To thee be end - less praise, for



him who died for thee, and hail him as thy
 ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends his
 died and rose on high, who died e - ter - nal
 thou for us hast died; be thou, O Lord, through



match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 won - d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 life to bring and lives that death may die.
 end - less days a - dorned and mag - ni - fied.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

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

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Susan Enger, David Spencer, Michael McKenzie, trumpet; Greg Luscombe, Mark Vail, trombone; Caroline Kinsey, French horn; Stewart Plumlee, percussion; Stan Head, timpani