



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 11, 2018
Season of Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Pastor George Robertson has been taking time at the beginning of our worship services to talk about the significance of various worship elements. Recently, he's taught about the Prayer of Invocation.

The word invocation comes from *invocare* and means to "appeal to" or "cry out to." In this prayer, with outstretched arms, we cry out to God to help us worship Him in an acceptable way. There are five parts to this brief prayer:

1. Calling God by His revealed names and titles
(*Psalms 7, 8, 113, 84, 97, 99; John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24, 26*)
2. Honoring God's name (*Exodus 34:6-7*)
3. Claiming God as our Father (*Luke 11:2*)
4. Asking the Holy Spirit for help in worship (*John 4:24; Luke 11:13*)
5. Concluding or "sealing" the prayer with a Trinitarian Doxology or the name of Jesus

It is also appropriate to lift our hands heavenward when we invoke God's help. Raising hands is a biblical posture for prayer (*Psalms 28:2; 63:4; 134:2; 141:2; I Timothy 2:8*). Through this humble action, we train our hearts to depend on God.

As we gather for worship this morning, let us use the liturgy to reorient us to the Gospel of Christ; and as we pray the Prayer of Invocation, let us sincerely declare our dependence on our loving Father.

SING PRAISES TO OUR REDEEMER

ORGAN PRELUDE: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"arr. Mary McDonald
Kathy Priestly, piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "Holy Is the Lord" Franz Schubert
Holy, holy holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father, holy is the Son.
Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Samuel Metzger, director

CALL TO WORSHIP L. Brett Wynne

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PSALTER LESSON: Select verses from Psalm 18. Rusty Shappley (8:15)
Haley Overcast (11:00)

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

**In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.
He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.

**He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me because He delighted in me.**

The Lord lives, and blessed by my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation—
you who rescued me from the man of violence

**For this I will praise you, O Lord,
among the nations and sing to your name.**

✦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.**

REST IN THE GRACE OF OUR REDEEMER

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,
in love, You have reconciled us to Yourself in Jesus Christ.
Shamefully, we have experienced Your amazing grace toward us,
but we have not loved You with our whole hearts,
nor our neighbors as ourselves.
We confess that we often honor Your Son with our lips
when our hearts are far from You.
We confess that we proclaim Jesus as the Treasure of our hearts,
yet often we set our hearts on the treasures of this world.
We confess we know the way of Jesus leads to life,
but we still seek to find life in the ways of this world.
Forgive us, O Lord, for our hypocrisy,
our toleration of sin, and our neglect of Your Word.
Create within us clean hearts and put new and right spirits within us
that we may, with joy and obedience, live to the glory of Your name.
We pray this in the matchless name of Jesus.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Colossians 1:13-14

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "If You Search with All of Your Heart" Craig Courtney

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Kirsten Scheel

FOLLOW THE WAY OF OUR REDEEMER

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

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.

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "By Faith"Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend



1. By faith we see the hand of God
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day
4. By faith the church was called to go
5. By faith the moun - tain shall be moved



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear
in the pow'r of the Spi - rit to the lost
and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,



in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
to de - li - ver cap - tives and to preach good news
for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight.
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. (*to chorus*)
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
in ev' - ry cor - ner of the earth. (*to chorus*)
for all who call up - on His name. (*to chorus*)

Chorus (after vs. 2, 4, & 5)



We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on



him our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fi - nished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Hebrews 12:1-3
(page 1008 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 *Run for Your Life* Timothy L. Russell

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 358 "For All the Saints"SINE NOMINE

✦BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont"Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778