

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

November 15, 2015 11:00 a.m.



A Word on Worship

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

Psalm 100 marshals up reason after reason why we gather to joyfully worship God:

- Because we know with certainty who He is: "Know that the Lord Himself is God..." He is unashamed to be called our God and He is loyal to His promise to take us to be His people.
- Because we know with certainty from where we come: "It is He who made us; and not we ourselves."
- Because we know with certainty we belong to Him: "We are His, we are His people."
- Because we know with certainty how privileged our relationship with God is: "... the sheep of His pasture." Our relationship with God comes at an immense cost to Himself. The Good Shepherd died and rose again for us.
- Because we know with certainty how good He is: "The Lord is good..." As a Father, He knows what is best and supplies all that we need.
- · Because we know with certainty how much He loves us: "His steadfast love endures forever." His loyal love never runs out and His merciful love never dries up.
- Because we know with certainty that He always remains true to His character and promises: "His faithfulness [endures] to all generations."

May the Lord use the above to awaken all of us to the supreme privilege we have to come into His presence and sing His praise!

The Infinite Greatness of Our Faithful God

ORGAN AND PIANO PRELUDE: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God".....Nielson, Young "Fairest Lord Jesus"...... Hayes, Gaspard Samuel Metzger, organ; Brad Jones, piano arr. Hal Hopson/Text from Psalm 100 Sing, be joyful; all you lands join in one voice and sing. Come fill the courts with endless praise. The Youth Choir Ginger Statom, Director

Daniel Pollorena, piano

CALL TO WORSHIPJoshua D. Yates

♦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 1 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"....OLD HUNDREDTH

♦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 100......Ryan Williams

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

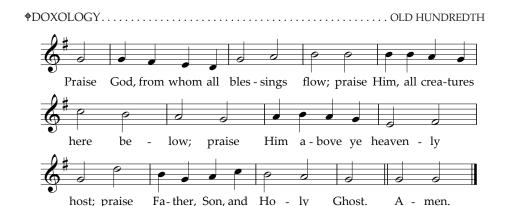
Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.



†PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE INTIMATE CARE OF OUR GENTLE SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the gentle, humble, and good Shepherd
who bids us to come to You for rest and renewal.
Forgive us, for we have been harsh, proud, and impatient people.
We have failed to curb our tempers
and to cease from our resentments.
We have offended others by hurtful words and deeds.
Transform us by Your Spirit
so that humility, kindness, and grace mark our lives.
We pray this for Your glory and for our good. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others You are calling, do not pass me by. Let me at Your throne of mercy find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.
While on others You are calling, do not pass me by.

Trusting only in Your merit, I will seek Your face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Your grace. You're the Spring of all my comfort, more than life for me. Only You on earth I worship, Holy Prince of Peace.

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSELANDAS

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed; I trust the everliving One, His wounds for me shall plead. I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out. I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

†GREETINGS

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 IMMENSE LOVE OF OUR CRUCIFIED LORD

(page 899 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** The Cross for the World D. Todd Erickson PRAYER OF COMMITMENT **†BENEDICTION †CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN** ♦ Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778