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Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

Have you ever wondered why singing is such a prominent feature in our worship services?

- Singing serves as a way to bless and thank God for who He is and for all that He has done to love and rescue us.
- Singing our Lord's praise is a primary way that we enthrone Him in our hearts (Psalm 22:3).
- Singing serves as a means of proclaiming the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In singing, we commend to others the Jesus that we know and cherish ourselves (I Corinthians 14:24-25).
- Singing enables us to savor God's Word, making it more memorable and vivid. The Apostle Paul advised, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ... singing psalms and hymns..." (Colossians 3:16).
- Singing changes us. It makes us kinder, gentler, and more reasonable. It also affords peace and joy to our hearts.
- Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (Acts 16:25).
- Singing serves as a weapon when we are in the midst of spiritual conflict. Martin Luther claims that "the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God."

William Cowper, the beloved 18th century English poet and hymnodist, was right: "Sometimes the light surprises the Christian while he sings. It is the Son who rises with healing in His wings." Oh that we might experience anew His healing and transformative work in our hearts as we draw near to worship our Lord!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Jonathan Reuss
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Pinkston

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing Unto God" G.F. Handel
Sing unto God, and high affections raise,
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.
*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" . . MIT FREUDEN ZART
stanzas 1-4

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 107:1-9, 14, 15 Jennifer W. Thompson

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

**He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**

**Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney
Text from Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gerry A. Peak

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30
(page 896 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)*

HOMILY

More Than We Asked

Sanders L. Willson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦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!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Savior, You died and rose again
to release us from the weight, shame, and guilt of sin.
Graciously pardon us as we confess to You
our deficient thankfulness for Your blessings,
our minimal zeal for Your worship,
our lack of humility under Your correction,
our lazy watchfulness against temptation,
our struggle with discontentment,
and our slowness to sacrificially serve and love others.
Go forth and show us Your cross,
mighty to subdue, comfort, and save us.
For we pray in Your matchless name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" ST. COLUMBA
Reference page 469 in the hymnal for music.

**How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.**

**While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"**

**"Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"**

**'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.**

**Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send Your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.**

**We long to see Your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Your redeeming grace.**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" WHAT A FRIEND
Reference page 629 in the hymnal for music.

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness — take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge — take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

"In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

♠Indicates congregation standing

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