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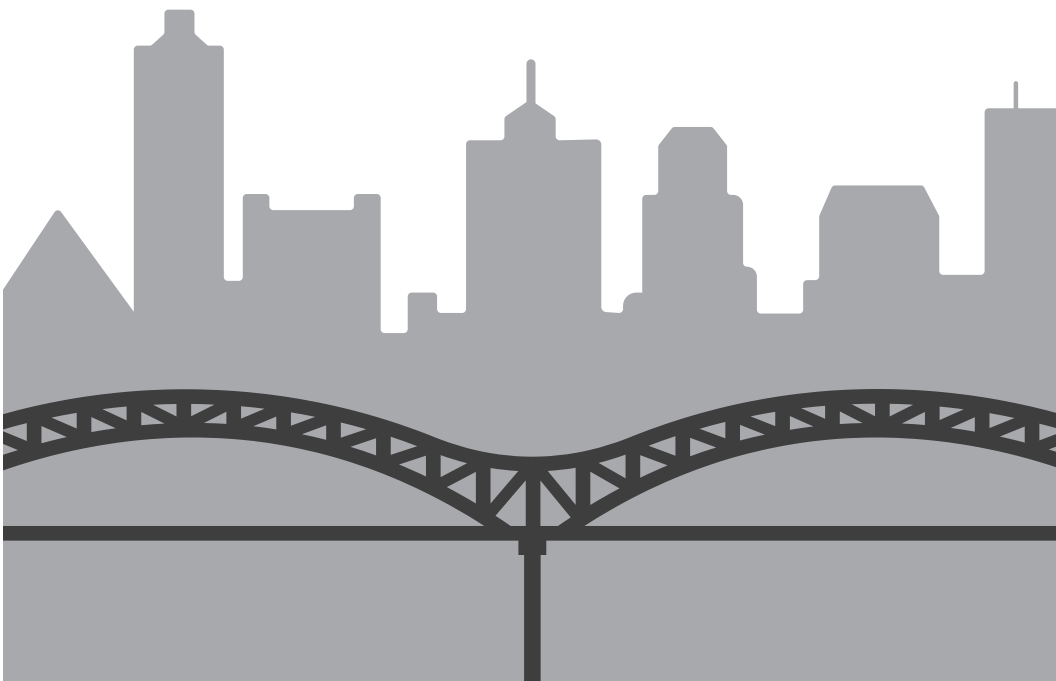
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SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY

Order for the
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

CITYSERVE SUNDAY

September 27, 2015



WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Our worship services today culminate our CityServe Conference. Annually during this conference, we devote ourselves to learning about and attending to the needs of our city and our ministry partners who proclaim the gospel in word and deed here.

Yet, we cannot sustain serving our city unless we attend regularly to the presence and greatness of our God. Eugene Peterson writes: "Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God." How can we not be forever preoccupied with the great God of heaven, given all that He is to us and all that He has done for us in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord?

May our Lord so unveil His beauty to our sight today that we become preoccupied with loving Him and our neighbors as we ought! This is the lifestyle of worship to which we are called.

WORSHIP IN THE CITY OF GOD

ORCHESTRAL AND PIANO PRELUDE:

"Allegro" from *Piano Concert No. 19 in F Major* W.A. Mozart
Ginger Statom, piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. George Lynn

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Tim Johnson, soloist
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" .. AUSTRIAN HYMN

✦FIRST PROPHETIC LESSON:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Rev. Lemar Walker (8:15)
Christ's Community Church
Thi Mitsamphanh (11:00)
Church Mobilizer, World Relief-Memphis

These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

**Build houses and live in them;
plant gardens and eat their produce.
Take wives and have sons and daughters;**

take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage,
that they may bear sons and daughters;
multiply there, and do not decrease.

**But seek the welfare of the city
where I have sent you into exile,**

and pray to the Lord on its behalf,

for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Blest inhabitants of Zion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raise
Over self to reign as kings:
And as priests, his solemn praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

WONDER AT THE LOVE OF GOD

A WORD ON CITYSERVE Edward J. Foster
Director of Domestic Missions

VIDEO: A VIEW OF THE CITY: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" . . . Stuart Townend

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father,
You sent Your Son to serve and to give His life to pay our ransom.

**Yet we have fallen short of Your call
to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with You.**

You asked for our hands that you might use them to serve Your city.

**We gave them for a moment
then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

You asked for our mouths to speak of the beauty of our Savior.

**We blushed to speak His name
because we refused to experience rejection.**

You asked for our eyes
to see the spiritually and physically impoverished people of our city.

We closed them for we did not want to see.

You asked for our lives that You might work through us.

**We gave a small part that we might not get too involved
and be labeled a fanatic.**

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve You—

**only when it is convenient to do so,
only in those places where it is safe and easy.
Cleanse our hearts and send us out as useful vessels
prepared for every good work.
For we pray in Jesus' name, for He is Lord of our city. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength; You are the strength of my life;
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Richard Smallwood

**You are the source of my strength;
You are the strength of my life;
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Sanders L. Willson

WORK IN THE CITY OF MAN

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) David Saunders
Memphis Teacher Residency

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.**

SECOND PROPHETIC LESSON: Nehemiah 2:11-20 (NIV) Steve Nash (8:15)
Founder and Executive Director, Advance Memphis
Howard Eddings, Jr. (11:00)
Executive Director, Red Zone Ministries

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 *Come, Let us Together Rebuild our City* Dr. John Perkins

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your power;
Crown Your ancient church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL AMEN Richard Smallwood

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Improvisation on AUSTRIAN HYMN" AUSTRIAN HYMN
Gabriel C. Statom, organ

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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