



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 18, 2016



A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

All the elements of our worship services are designed to strengthen our faith in our promise-keeping God. This is particularly true of the sacraments. One way that we exercise faith in our Lord and His promises is by bringing our children for baptism.

Why do we baptize our children?

- **God’s covenant promise.** We baptize our children because God promises to be their God. The Apostle Peter says at Pentecost that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for “you and your children” (Acts 2:39).
- **God’s prescribed pattern.** God established a prescribed pattern of giving the sign of entrance into the covenant to children of believers in the Old Testament and this pattern is not set aside in the New Testament (Genesis 17:7). Thus, the silence of the New Testament is more an argument for the practice than against it.
- **God’s new sign.** In the New Testament, baptism replaces circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Colossians 2:11). Both signs remind us that God’s promise continues to future generations and necessitates the shedding of blood for salvation.
- **Historical precedence.** In the early church, entire families were baptized when an adult member professed faith in Jesus (Acts 16:15, 33).
- **A vivid picture.** Baptism points to what Christ’s shed blood accomplishes: The washing away of sin’s guilt and the Spirit being poured out upon us. We celebrate this reality when we baptize an adult who professes faith. We anticipate this reality when we baptize a child of believing parents.

MAGNIFY THE GREATNESS OF OUR LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Festive Procession on “Old Hundredth” Fred Bock
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL PRAISE: “Pilgrims’ Hymn” Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You.
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne" JERUSALEM



1. Be - fore Je - ho - vah's awe - some throne, all na - tions, bow with
 2. We are his peo - ple, we his care, our souls and all our
 3. Wide as the world is your com - mand, vast as e - ter - ni -



sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is God a - lone
 mor - tal frame; what last - ing hon - ors shall we rear,
 ty your love; firm as a rock your truth must stand,



He can crea - te, and he de - stroy. His sov - ereign
 al - might - y Mak - er, to your name? We'll crowd your
 when roll - ing years shall cease to move. Praise God from



pow'r, with - out our aid, made us of dust and
 gates with thank - ful songs, high as the heav'ns our
 whom all bles - sings flow, praise Him all crea - tures



formed us men; and when like wan - d'ring sheep we
 voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten thou - sand
 here be - low, praise Him a - bove ye heavn' - ly



strayed, he brought us to his fold a - gain.
 tongues, shall fill your courts with sound - ing praise.
 hosts, praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

- Calvin Ellis Murray, born July 2, 2010, son of Erin and Ryan Murray*
- Newton Everett Murray, born October 30, 2013, son of Erin and Ryan Murray*
- Judson James Murray, born January 10, 2016, son of Erin and Ryan Murray*
- William Charles Hurst, born March 6, 2016, son of Audrey and Ross Hurst*
- Charles Trapp Edwards, born December 29, 2015, son of Sophie and Price Edwards*

11:00

- Anna-Faith Elizabeth Bennett, born March 5, 2015, daughter of Rachel and Chad Bennett*
- Samuel Wallace Bennett, born September 25, 2015, son of Rachel and Chad Bennett*
- Ruthie Elisabeth Catalano, born February 21, 2016, daughter of Michelle and Denny Catalano*
- Eleanor Louise Hill, born May 7, 2015, daughter of Betsy and John Hill*
- Porter Thomas Lee, born January 3, 2016, son of Kandice and Steven Lee*

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.**

SAVOR THE GRACE OF OUR LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and gracious Father,
Your Word says that You have given us the mind of Christ
so that we can think Your thoughts and do Your deeds.
Forgive us for allowing worldly-mindedness to creep in—
causing sin to seem normal and holiness to seem strange.
Pardon us for filling our lives with so many other things
rather than Your Word.
We confess that anxiety and fear rule us rather than Your peace.
We acknowledge that envy and greed fill us rather than Your love.
We lament that a spirit of despair rests upon us instead of Your beauty.
So transform us that others see Jesus in us and are drawn to Him.
For we make our prayer in His matchless name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 644 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" . . . ST. LEONARDS
stanzas 1-3

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS:

"Oculi Omnium" Charles Wood
Text from Psalm 145:15-16

*Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:
Et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord;
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Glorify be to the Father. Amen.

"My God Is So High" arr. Moses Hogan

*My God is so high you can't get over Him; He's so low you can't get under Him,
He's so wide you can't get 'round Him, you must come in by and through the Lamb.*

One day as I was a walkin' along the heavenly road,
My Savior spoke unto me and He filled my heart with His love.

I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow,
And if my Savior helps me, I'll blow wherever I'll go.

Ginger Statom, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. LEONARDS

**May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.**

**May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Peggy Stephens

A WORD ON CITYSERVE Ethan Knight

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.**

RENEW THE COVENANT OF OUR LORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: II Chronicles 34:1-7. Betty Eubank (8:15)
(page 385 in the pew Bible) Blanche Tosh (11:00)

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 *Spiritual Revival: Renewing the Covenant* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 528 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET
stanzas 1 & 3

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata Giocoso Denis Bédard

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

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