



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Trinity Season


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The essence of our task this Lord's Day is to offer "a sacrifice of praise" to God (Hebrews 13:15). Marva Dawn, in her book *Is It a Lost Cause? Having the Heart of God for the Church's Children*, says "the only thing that the church does that no other institution can do is to worship the triune God."

How you ever wondered what should happen in us as a result of our worship? Here are a few things from Acts 2:

- At times, our hearts are filled with a sense of reverence and awe at who God is and what He has done to rescue us ("they were filled with awe," 2:43).
- At other times, our hearts are filled with exuberant joy. The Jerusalem church worshiped with "glad hearts" (2:46). The word "glad" means to be extremely joyful and rejoice greatly. This is why our church's mission statement starts like this: "To glorify God through joyful worship..."
- Worship has a way of decluttering our distracted hearts and busy lives. The Jerusalem church worshiped with "sincere" hearts (2:46). This word means simplicity. Therefore, worship is God's cure for the diversion or distraction of mind that arises from the conflict of different objects of desire.

So let us prepare to declare the praises of our great God and expect Him to work in our hearts in these ways.

OUR GOD RECEIVES SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES

PRELUDE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Paul Manz
"Power of the Cross" Lloyd Larson
Samuel Metzger, organ and piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "Let Us Make a Joyful Noise" Douglas Wagner
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Praise, O praise the Lord! And make a joyful noise evermore!
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, Director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" . . MIT FREUDEN ZART
stanzas 1-5

✦OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Select verses from I Chronicles 16 . . . Ethan Knight (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.**

Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.

**Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

**tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

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

Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!"
Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MIT FREUDEN ZART

**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! Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

OUR LORD OFFERS SPIRITUAL CLEANSING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Father whose tender mercies are over all Your works,
we humbly ask Your forgiveness
for the sins of this past week:
for every weak and defiling thought to which our minds have given harbor;
for every harsh and critical word spoken in haste and passion;
for every failure of self-control;
for every stumbling block which by deed or example
we have set in another's way;
for every opportunity lost to do good;
and for every blessing thanklessly received.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts
that You give us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE WHAT A FRIEND

**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!**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "God Thou Art Love" Robert Browning; Craig Courtney

If I forget, yet God remembers.
If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall.
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,
Then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know
That I am in God's keeping,
Shielded so, from all that else would harm,
And in the hour of stern temptation,
Strengthened by His power.

I tread no path in life to Him unknown;
I lift no burden, bear no pain, alone;
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found:
The everlasting arms my life surround.

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that.
I know Thee who has kept my path.
And made light for me in the darkness,
Tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.
It were too strange that I should doubt Thy love.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WHAT A FRIEND

**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Dylan Franklin

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.**

