



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We believe that eternal, abundant life is found only in knowing the one, eternal God and Jesus Christ whom He sent (John 17:3). Therefore, one of the purposes of corporate worship is to lead us into a greater apprehension of who God is. We sing, pray, read, and study about His character, nature, and ways. This process results in increasing our peace of conscience and giving us a greater measure of the joy of our own salvation.

It is our privilege to welcome to the pulpit today our new Senior Minister, George Robertson. His sermon text (Exodus 34:6-7) is one of the fundamental creeds of our Old Testament. It is one of the sweetest sermons ever preached because it is preached by God Himself. Thomas Goodwin calls it "the highest subject, the richest text, and the most renowned description of the nature of God: 'The Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness.'"

Richard Baxter claims: "If you conceive of God as ten thousand times more gracious and loving than any friend you have in the world, it will make you love him above all. This knowledge takes away weariness in duty and gives more light in prayer and meditation. When God becomes more lovely in our eyes, it produces growth in all of our graces and encourages greater confidence in the Lord." Let us pray that the Lord would unveil His beauties to our sight and that this revelation would result in us loving Him more!

THE EXALTED PRAISE OF THE LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Fred Bock
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hal Hopson
Greg Luscombe, trombone; Samuel Metzger, piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Schubert
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father, holy is the Son.
Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.
*The Chancel Choir
Christy Young, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL
stanzas 1-4

♠NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 Don Batchelor

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,**

but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DARWALL

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE LOVING PROTECTION OF THE LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
none of us can stand in the blazing light of Your glory
to our everlasting comfort except those who are protected
and covered by the rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Yet we confess that we have sought security in other people.
We have built on other foundations.
We have filled our hungry hearts with the husks of this world
and have rested in other comforts.
Forgive us for doubting Your compassion and grace.
So transform us that we fully entrust ourselves to Jesus,
in whose mighty and merciful name we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Keith and Kristyn Getty

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus— the path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.**

