



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 28, 2016



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

One of the most precious words in the vocabulary of a Jesus follower structures our worship service today: The word "Savior." The name "Jesus" means "the Lord saves." The angel tells Mary why she is to give this name to her baby: "For He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

The Apostle Peter makes an astonishing claim in Acts 4:11-12: "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Therefore, if you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, would you do so today? For today can be your day of salvation! If you have already trusted Him, then seize this opportunity to offer joyful worship with a thankful heart because you can call him "Savior."

PRAISING GOD OUR SAVIOR

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Improvisation on OLD HUNDREDTH" Michael Burhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Pastorale" Amy Beach

CHORAL INTROIT: "Behold, God Is My Salvation" Eric Thiman

Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

♠PSALM OF PRAISE: No. 1 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDREDTH

♠PROFESSION OF OUR 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.**

**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 ADORATION

CALLING UPON GOD OUR SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our gracious heavenly Father,
You are a God who saves the powerless from the mighty.
Yet, we confess our self-reliance and self-absorption.
This causes us to enter into temptation, fall into sin,
and succumb to the strategies of the devil.
Forgive us for not standing firm in faith
and for our refusal to trust and rest in Your promises.
May Jesus' blood that covers our sins
make us more thankful for Your mercies;
more humble under Your correction;
more zealous in Your service;
more watchful against temptation;
more contented in our circumstances;
and more confident in Your power.
For we make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦SONG OF FORGIVENESS.....AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.**

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

II Chronicles 20:1-12 Shelley Hill (8:15)
(page 372 in the pew Bible) Brandon Morrison (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.**

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH TEACHERS

COMMISSIONING OF THE WESTMINSTER SINGERS (8:15)

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "To Love Our God" Mark Hayes

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?

The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be?

Humanity works hard to make a name,
Toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came.
All is empty, all is vain.

To love our God, the reason we live;
To love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul,
Gives life meaning, makes us whole.
For this purpose we were made: To love our God.
The reason that we live is to love our God.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION L. Brett Wynne

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Gabriel C. Statom

RESTING IN GOD OUR SAVIOR

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT LESSON II Chronicles 20:13-30
(page 372 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)*

SERMON *Spiritual Revival: Pray* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF TRUST: No. 449 "We Rest on Thee" FINLANDIA

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Karg-Elert/Bock

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778