



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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August 12, 2018, 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.*

Every Lord's Day, we gather to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to grow in our understanding of who He is and what He has done. Our joint celebration of our living Lord is designed not just to inform our minds but also to transform our lives.

Biblical passages such as our responsive reading text, Colossians 1:15-20, and Philippians 2:5-11 are Spirit-inspired hymns in the New Testament. They play a significant role in formulating the doctrine of the deity of Jesus Christ. They also serve as strong motivation for us to guard the unity of our church since we worship and serve a common Lord who rightfully deserves the place of preeminence in our lives, relationships and church.

Colossians 1:15-20 is called the "Christ Hymn," because it celebrates the role of Jesus in creation, as well as His role in the new creation of the church. Since He is the risen Lord and the head of the church, He is the sole object worthy of our worship. May our Lord use our worship today to unveil His beauty to our sight, so that He might become the ultimate vision of our hearts that we treasure and adore, both now and for all eternity.

## PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Trumpet Tune" ..... David German  
"Amazing Grace" ..... arr. Albert Travis  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Mike Stokke

### ✦HYMN OF PRAISE:

No. 103 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" ..... GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

### ✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-20 ..... Blanche Tosh

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

**For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.**

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

✦DOXOLOGY..... OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

# TRUST THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Lord Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save the lost,  
 who invites the weary and the burdened to rest,  
 and who heals the hurting:  
 we confess that we have lost our way.  
 Forgive us for our wayward and willful disobedience.  
 Forgive our failure to be Your witnesses in the world.  
 Forgive us for thinking little of Your salvation  
 and for presuming upon Your grace. Lead us back to You.  
 Forgive us for every thought, word, or deed  
 that has brought hurt to others, harmed ourselves,  
 or dishonored Your name.  
 Grace us with Your Holy Spirit  
 and lead us once again in the way that leads to life.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . II Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
 The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)". . . . . Orlando Johnson

The moon and stars, they wept; the morning sun was dead;  
 The Savior of the world was fallen.  
 His body on the cross, His blood poured out for us,  
 The weight of every curse upon Him.  
 One final breath He gave as heaven looked away,  
 The son of God was laid in darkness.  
 A battle in the grave, the war on death was waged,  
 The power of hell forever broken.  
 The ground began to shake, the stone was rolled away;  
 His perfect love could not be overcome.  
 Now death where is your sting?  
 Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated.  
 Forever, He is glorified. Forever, He is lifted high!  
 Forever, He is risen. He is alive, He is alive!  
 We sing, "Hallelujah!" We sing, "Hallelujah!"  
 We sing, "Hallelujah!" The Lamb has overcome.  
 You have overcome!

*Jauna Ellis, Mary Grace Walters, Kathy Hammond,  
 Christy Young, Calvin Ellis, Chris Pruett  
 Jill Peak, piano*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Dan Burns

✦GREETINGS

# LISTEN TO THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

## PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

**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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"Oh, How Good It Is" . . . . Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend

**Ensemble:**

Oh how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity. Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruit of His presence here among us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out His word. Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for He dwells in the presence of His people.

♣ *Congregation stands and sings:*

2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share, to re -  
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -

joyce with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the  
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we

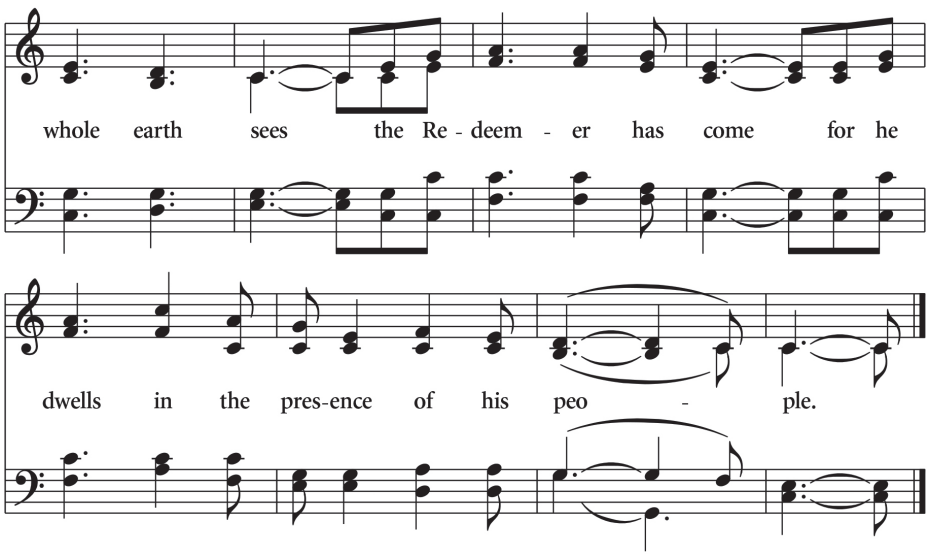
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we  
live as one, we all share in the love of the

of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.  
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

*Refrain*

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and

with one heart we'll live out his Word. Till the



whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has come for he  
dwells in the pres-ence of his peo-ple.

PSALTER LESSON.....Psalm 67  
(page 481 in the new Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON *Retelling the Gospel* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Psalm 67" ..... DIX



1. God of mer-cy, God of grace, show the bright-ness of your face.  
2. Let the peo-ple praise you, Lord; be by all that live a-dored.  
3. Let the peo-ple praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits af-ford.

Shine up-on us, Sav-ior, shine; fill your world with light di-vine;  
Let the na-tions shout and sing glo-ry to their gra-cious King;  
Un-to us your bless-ing give; we to you de-vot-ed live,

all your sav-ing health ex-tend un-to earth's re-mot-est end.  
at your feet their trib-ute pay, and your ho-ly will o-bey.  
all be-low and all a-bove, one in joy and light and love.

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Amazing Grace” . . . . . Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing

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**I. Upreach**

A. Training the Mind

B. Bending the Body

C. Channeling the Heart

**II. Inreach**

A. To Yourself

B. To One Another

**III. Outreach**

A. Doxological Evangelism

B. Purpose