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# Praising His Name

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please silence your mobile devices.*

## ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Improvisation on CANONBURY" .....arr. Morrow  
"When We Are in Deepest Need, BWV 641" ..... J.S. Bach

*Lenora Morrow, organ*

A WORD ON WORSHIP      *The Simple Truth: God Is Love*      Sanders L. Willson

## CHORAL INTROIT: "Children of the Heavenly Father" .. TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior;  
Not yon star on high abiding nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... T. Barton Kimbro

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True" ..... JERUSALEM

✦READING FROM THE PROPHETS: Hosea 14:4-9 ..... Alyssa M. Champion (8:15)  
Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely,  
for my anger has turned from them.

**I will be like the dew to Israel;  
he shall blossom like the lily;  
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;**

his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive,  
and his fragrance like Lebanon.

**They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;  
they shall flourish like the grain;  
they shall blossom like the vine;  
their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.**

O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?  
It is I who answer and look after you.

**I am like an evergreen cypress;  
from me comes your fruit.**

Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;

**whoever is discerning, let him know them;**

for the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them,

**but transgressors stumble in them.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... JERUSALEM

**Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the deepest ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched across from sky to sky.**

# Receiving His Grace

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
Who has loved us with a perfect love  
and has called us to love You with all our hearts  
and our neighbor as ourselves,  
we confess our failure to receive and to return Your love  
and to love our fellow human beings.  
Please forgive us.  
We are truly sorry,  
and we seek Your help that we may live godly lives.  
Fill us with Your loving Spirit  
that we may hereafter follow You with steadfast affection  
and, with newness of life, demonstrate Your love to others,  
through Jesus Christ our gracious Savior. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF WONDER: No. 44 "How Great Thou Art" . . . . . O STORE GUD  
*stanzas 1 & 3*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Thy Perfect Love" . . . . . John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast  
That I Thee love and never rest;  
And make me love Thee of all things best,  
And bind my heart in Thy love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . BEECHER

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

# Hearing His Word

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES. . . . . Ephesians 4:15, 16  
(page 978 in 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 *The Truth in Love* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF FAITH: No. 561 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" . . . . . CANONBURY

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Piece d'orgue, BWV 572" . . . . . J.S. Bach

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

*One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to [pastor@2pc.org](mailto:pastor@2pc.org) with questions about your spiritual life.*

## Sunday Night Worship - 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord's Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.