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September 8, 2013
8:15 a.m.



The Liturgy of the Word

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray and reflect on the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;
for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength,
so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Improvisation on SAGINA" arr. Morrow
"Kingsfold" arr. Robert J. Powell

Lenora Morrow, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" arr. Statom

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 40:1-5 William R. Jorgensen

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

**Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON

**Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrificed to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "God, Thou Art Love" Craig Courtney
text by Robert Browning

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 up 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,
My life surround!

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that.
I know Thee who has kept my path.
And made a 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 WYE VALLEY

**Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....D. Todd Erickson

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... W. Brian Lewis

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 4:17-24
(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 *Christian Conversion* Sanders L. Willson

The Liturgy of the Table

✦ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦ PROFESSION OF 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.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI GREATorex

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose mercy we forget due to the hardness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and deceitful desires,
so that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults, trusting in Your grace,
and finding in You our true refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed below.

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” SAGINA

**And can it be that I should gain
An int’rest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**‘Tis myst’ry all! Th’Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.**

**‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left His Father’s throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled himself so great His love!
And bled for all His chosen race.**

**‘Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

“Behold the Lamb”..... Keith Getty/Stuart Townend



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
 2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
 Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
 Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
 and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



-give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 -ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -



drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace
 -claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n



a - round the ta - ble of the King.
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠HYMN OF SALVATION..... SAGINA

No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
 Amazing love! How can it be
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Sinfonia in C Major” 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 with questions about your spiritual life.