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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

October 13, 2013



Praise Our Forgiving God

*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, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow us,
that we may continually be given to good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

“Movements I, IV of Opus 58” Robert Schumann
Molly Johnson, organ

Improvisation on “God Be Merciful to Me” REDHEAD 76
Lenora Morrow, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” BEECH SPRING

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow’r:
He is able, He is able, He is able, doubt no more:
Jesus ready stands to save you; He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev’ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy;
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call;
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*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
David Dennis, conductor*

CALL TO WORSHIP. Michael G. Stokke

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” HYFRYDOL

♠OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 7:18-20. Ethan Knight (8:15)
Jay Cofield (11:00)

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

**He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.**

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

**You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.**

You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

Confess to Our Forgiving God

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN OF CONFESSION: No. 486 "God, Be Merciful to Me" REDHEAD 76

stanzas 1-3

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from Valley of Vision, "The Broken Heart"

**O Merciful and Holy Father,
we too, like King David, cry out for more mercy,
for no day of our lives passes
without proving us guilty in Your sight.**

**We frequently struggle with an unforgiving heart.
We often receive your blessings with a thankless heart.
Prayers are uttered from a prayerless heart;
our best services are filthy rags.
Though our sins rise to heaven,
Your merits soar above them;
all things in us call for our rejection,
all things in You plead our acceptance.**

**Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us:
that by Jesus' stripes we are healed,
that He was bruised for our iniquities,
that our sins are all forgiven,
buried in the ocean of His reconciling blood.**

**Restore to us the joy of our salvation
for You never turn away one who comes to You
with a broken and contrite heart.**

We make our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF RESPONSE REDHEAD 76

**Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.**

Share the Forgiveness of God

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 4:30-32 Gerry A. Peak
(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)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Grieve Not the Holy Spirit" T. Tertius Noble

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed,
Unto the day of redemption, unto the day of redemption.
Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking,
Be put away from you, with all malice:
And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
Even as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Amen.

Tucker Williams, soloist

**Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.**

**Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

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.**

SERMON *Forgiving One Another* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE:

No. 115 “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN
stanzas 1, 4 & 5

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Lift Up the Gates Eternal” Emma Lou Diemer

✦ *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.

New Congregational Prayer Meeting Begins Tonight

Your pastors and elders invite you to join in the Corporate Prayer Gathering that will begin meeting every second Sunday of the month prior to our evening service, from 5:15-5:50 p.m. in the Chapel. Let us band together to beseech the Lord for times of refreshing, renewal, and revival for our church and community.

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.