



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 10, 2014
11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

This morning, we begin a new sermon series on the Gospel of John. Our first hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten," is one of the oldest hymns of the Christian church. Since the 4th century, Christians have used this text to sing about the staggering mystery of God becoming man in Jesus. Our worship today will begin reflectively as we meditate on the divine mystery of Christ, our Light in a dark world.

*Grant to us, Lord, we pray,
the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,
that we, who cannot exist without You,
may by You be enabled to live according to Your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

THE ETERNAL LIGHT

*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 the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

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that we, who cannot exist without You,
may, by You, be enabled to live according to Your will
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on "Amazing Grace" Denis Bédard
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "Eternal Light" Leo Sowerby
Text by Alcuin of York (1st Century)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

No. 162 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
*stanza 1: Choir
stanzas 2-5: Congregation*

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4 Brandon G. Morrison

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

**whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.**

He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,

**and he upholds the universe
by the word of his power.**

After making purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**By his Word was all created;
He commanded; it was done:
Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft shining,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE GRACIOUS LIGHT

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.
In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.
We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
 2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -
 3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of



on - ly Light, Sun of Righ-teous - ness, a - rise,
 nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn
 sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine;



tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till thy in - ward
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -



high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Lead, Kindly Light" arr. Mack Wilberg
Text: John Henry Newman; Music: John B. Dykes

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom; lead Thou me on!
 The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!
 Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
 The distant scene—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on.
 I loved to choose and see my path; but now, lead Thou me on!
 I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
 Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

So long Thy pow'r hast blest me, sure it still will lead me on
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone.
 And with the morn those angel faces smile,
 Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TALLIS' CANON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In You the
 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, The lamps are



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and



blest is He, And blest are You, His ho - ly Son.
 Spir - it, God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PDS HEADMASTER, STEVE HANCOCK

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

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.**

THE INCARNATE LIGHT

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-5
(page 886 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 *The Beginning of Real Life* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: "God of Creation, All Powerful" SLANE



1. God of cre - a - tion, all - power - ful, all - wise,
2. God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years
3. God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth,
4. God of your peo - ple your Word still stands fast;
5. God of our now, all our trust is in you,



Lord of the u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise,
you are the One in whom his - tory co - heres;
called out your church from the ends of the earth,
do for us now as you've done in the past!
Cov - en - ant God, e - ver faith - ful and true;



Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and Rul - er of all,
na - tions and em - pires your pur - pose ful - fill
still you are Sa - vior, put dark - ness to flight;
Yours is the King - dom—your tri - umph we claim,
So - vereign Cre - a - tor, Re - dee - mer, and Lord,



we are your chil - dren— you hear when we call.
mo - ving in free - dom, yet wor - king your will.
o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
now and for - e - ver your name be a - dored!

