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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

What attitude should most characterize our worship? The service today begins with a joyful prelude, "Old Hundredth," which gets its name from its ancient accompaniment of Psalm 100 (serve the Lord with gladness). Charles Spurgeon charges us to serve with joyful hearts using these words:

*Delight in divine service is a token of acceptance.  
Those who serve God with a sad countenance,  
because they do what is unpleasant to them, are not serving Him at all;  
they bring the form of homage, but the life is absent...  
Our God requires no slaves to grace His throne;  
He is the Lord of the empire of love  
and would have His servants dressed in the attire of joy.  
Do you serve the Lord with gladness? Let us show to the people of the world,  
who think our faith to be slavery, that it is to us a delight and a joy!  
Let our gladness proclaim that we serve a good Master.*

## ENTER THE LORD'S COURTS WITH PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Piece d'Orgue in G Major, BWV 572" . . . . . J.S. Bach  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "Old Hundredth" . . . . . arr. Sterling Procter

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Was Glad" . . . . . C. Hubert Parry  
*Text from Psalm 122*

I was glad, glad when they said unto me,  
We will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Richard G. Cain

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" . . . . . CORONATION  
*stanzas 1-5*

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-9 . . . . . Ethan Knight (8:15)  
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,  
any affection and sympathy,

**complete my joy by being of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
but also to the interests of others.**

Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ Jesus, who,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . CORONATION

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of grace and glory,  
we crown You with praise  
for setting us free from sin  
and the tyranny of the devil.  
Yet we confess that we often usurp Your lordship  
and live in bondage rather than freedom.  
We dally with sin  
because we lose sight of Your beauty and holiness.  
We live to make our names great rather than Yours.  
We allow our own selfish desires to drive our decisions  
rather than Your will.  
We beseech Your pardoning and strengthening grace  
so that we might rest more deeply  
and trust more fully in Your promises.  
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 281 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives — Glory, Hallelujah!" . . . . . SHOUT ON

# SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH TEACHERS

COMMISSIONING OF THE WESTMINSTER SINGERS (8:15)

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR (11:00)

♠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" . . . arr. Sterling Procter

When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried, "Alleluia!"

How often, making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
When utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . ENGELBURG

Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -  
joice who have a voice to raise! And may God  
give us faith to sing al - ways Al - le - lu - ia!

♠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) . . . . . J. Ronald Hickman

# COMMEND THE LORD'S LIGHT WITH ZEAL

## 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 1:6-8  
(page 886 in the church 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                      *Bearing Witness to the Light*                      D. Todd Erickson

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 580 "Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... LANCASHIRE

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata (Symphony No. 5)" ..... Charles-Marie Widor

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## Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or [todd.erickson@2pc.org](mailto:todd.erickson@2pc.org).

## Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. This summer, we've been looking at some of the prayers of God's people throughout Scripture — prayers in exile and in blessing, from mourning to joy. Tonight, we will study Jonah's prayer in Jonah 2:1-10. We invite you to worship with us.