



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 14, 2014
11:00 a.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Our worship today focuses on a seemingly weak figure — a Lamb. The prophet identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God. Although once slain, this Lamb now lives and stands at the center of heaven’s throne. All of heaven’s inhabitants lavish their praise upon Him. The Lamb’s sacrifice is the subject of their song, and ours, for He was slaughtered to deliver us from eternal peril (Revelation 5:6-14).

What role does the Lamb play as we gather for corporate worship? The Lamb comes and opens the scroll of God’s Word so that we read and preach it profitably. The Lamb is spiritually present with us when we share in His Supper strengthening us by His grace — we remember God’s final Passover Lamb (I Corinthians 5:7) and anticipate the Wedding Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-9). Lastly, the Lamb draws others to faith in Him as we lift Him up in praise for them to see. Psalm 40:3 says that “many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”

Therefore, it is only fitting for us to make much of the innocent, perfect, crucified, risen, reigning, and returning Lamb of God.

PRAISE THE LAMB OF GOD

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BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE:

“Allegro Maestoso” Felix Mendelssohn
“Carillon” Robert J. Powell

Samuel Metzger, organist, and Brass Ensemble

CHORAL INTROIT: “O Be Joyful” John Rutter
Text based on Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God;
It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving
And into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 2 “O Worship the King” LYONS

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-34
(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)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father,
we confess that we are a people easily seduced
by power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions.
We ask Your forgiveness for the ways that we have sacrificed
Your convictions for convenience,
Your standards for status,
Your principles for promotion,
Your absolutes for our ambition,
and our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.
From earth's fullest bliss we turn unfulfilled to You again.
Forgive our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit.
For we pray in the name of the Lamb who was led to slaughter. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON John 1:29; Revelation 5:9-10

*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals;
for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood
men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God;
and they will reign upon the earth."*

◆HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Lamb of God" LAMB OF GOD
Words and music by Twilla Paris



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but You have
2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have



sent Him from Your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died, the hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood-my Je-sus Christ the Lamb of God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Song to the Lamb" Allen Gibbs
Text from Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly pow'r are Yours by right, O Lord our God,
For You created everything that is
And by Your will they were created and have their being;
And Yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
For with Your blood You have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
A kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to Him who sits upon the throne,
And to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
Forever, forever, and forever more.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O QUANTA QUALIA
Words by Horatio Bonar

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er,
2. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;
wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Michael G. Stokke

✦ GREETINGS

COME TO THE LAMB

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 *Behold, the Lamb of God* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ SENDING HYMN: No. 172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" ALL SAINTS OLD

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Diane Bish

✦ Indicates congregation standing

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