ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

February 3, 2019, 8:15 a.m.
Boy Scout Sunday
As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Scripture saturates every part of our worship services:

- We call one another to the awesome task of worshiping God with Scripture.
- We sing God’s praise with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in order to make God’s Word memorable and vivid.
- The Spirit uses God’s Word to convict us of sin and to show us our need of His forgiveness and grace.
- We use the precious promises of God’s Word to assure us of His pardon.
- We give attention to reading His Scriptures because faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
- His Word equips us to live for Christ and to make an impact for His kingdom during the perilous times in which we live.
- Lastly, God sends us out with His blessing to serve a needy world.

Why do we make such a big deal about the Word saturating all of our worship? It is because I Peter 1:24 tells us, “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” Therefore let us prepare to give our undivided attention to the reading, hearing, and singing of God’s Word!

❤ HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 53 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” . . . LOBE DEN HERREN

❤ INVOCATION (please raise hands)

❤ PSALTER LESSON: Select Verses from Psalm 103 . . . . . . . . . . . . Hampton Bernard

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, 
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting 
on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children,
to those who keep his covenant 
and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Glorify 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!

RECEIVE HIS GRACE WITH THANKSGIVING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, 
we humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. 
We confess we have not loved You with a pure heart. 
Rather than being wholly devoted to You, 
we have neglected Your ways out of fear of man. 
We also confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. 
Rather than be Your witnesses to the world, 
in cowardice, we have chosen to become like the world. 
Lord, heal us and forgive us. 
Set us free to love You and our neighbor. 
Empower us to serve You in our city and the world, 
that we may boldly proclaim Your life-giving gospel of grace. 
For this we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ephesians 2:8-9
For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” . . . . Edwin Othello Excell, Louie Giglio, 
John Newton, John Rees, Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! 
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; 
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me! 
And like a flood, His mercy rains — unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word, my hope, secures. 
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. 
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. 
But God who called me here below will be forever mine. You are forever mine.
RESPOND TO HIS WORD WITH FAITHFULNESS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth;
Our Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Therefore let us prepare to give our undivided attention to the reading,
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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:
“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”       Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

I. Remember His Presence

II. Rest in His Possession

III. Recommit to His Purpose

IV. Rely on His Precepts