

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE



THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Welcome to our annual World Missions Conference Sunday! We are so glad you are able to join us for this wonderful day as we glorify God and celebrate all that He is doing in His redemptive plan to bring salvation to the world.

Our Offertory Anthem this morning, “Thixo Onothando,” is a South African hymn arranged by Michael Barrett. In 2015, Barret, the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Pretoria, heard this beautiful hymn sung by a school choir in the Mpumalanga Province. He was so moved by it that he had the performers teach him the melody, and a year later, he wrote the arrangement. Since then, “Thixo Onothando” has been performed all over the world by Barrett’s Tuks Camerata University Choir, and it is a very popular isiXhosa hymn among the church in South Africa.

It is a beautiful and uplifting hymn that focuses on the love of God. As we enter into corporate worship today, may we praise God for His love and His mission to save sinners like us; may we be galvanized into His mission as we hear from our missionaries; and may we long for the day when we join all of our brothers and sisters from around the world before the throne of our Savior and King!

DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS

ORGAN PRELUDE: “March”G.F. Handel
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
Festive Prelude on “O God Beyond All Praising” Walter Pelz
Yiming Zhang, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP Emmanuel Tsoutsas, Greece (8:15)
Terrance Roberts, Argentina (11:00)

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 217 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER
Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: George Elvey, arr. Robert Hobby / Revelation 19:12

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*). Robby Hamd, Lebanon (8:15)
John M., Southeast Asia (11:00)

✦PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3. Virginia, East Asia (8:15)
Jamila, East Asia (11:00)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

**because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;**

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

**to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;

to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,

**the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;**

that they may be called oaks of righteousness,

the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LASST UNS EFREUEN

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav’n and earth adore, Alleluia, alleluia!
From men and from the angel host, be praise and glory evermore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIM HIS GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION John F., *Southeast Asia* (8:15)
Bob Till, *Europe* (11:00)

**Lord Jesus, we praise You for Your love for the world
and Your compassion toward those whom we call “other.”
As joyful as we are about world missions,
we acknowledge our own failures.
While You initiated with acts of mercy,
we hesitate and pass by on the other side.
While You created beauty in other nations,
we mock what we don’t understand.
You gave Your Son as the propitiation for the sins of the whole world,
while we wish You would only forgive our sins.
We repent and ask You to transform our hearts,
that they might be like Yours.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD Dan Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Thixo Onothando” arr. Michael Barrett

Thixo onothando, ndimi phambi kwakho
Thixo onothando, ndiph’ unthando ndifakaze ngawe
Hosanna phezulu, hosann’ enyangweni
Thixo ndila namhla hosanna.

God of love, I stand before Thee.
God of love, give me love so I may testify about You.
Hosanna above, hosanna in the highest.
God, I am here today, hosanna!

*The Chancel Choir
Justin Wadkins, Sam Ryden, and Gregory Mason, soloists
Stan Head and Brandon Terry, percussion
Calvin Ellis, director*

✠DOXOLOGY 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.**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN DeAnna Deere, *Zambia*

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES AND GUESTS

MISSIONARY INTERVIEWS

Mo and Jon, *Southeast Asia* (8:15)
Jen and Chris Devine, *Greece* (11:00)

JOIN HIS MISSION TO THE NATIONS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER.George Robertson

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 324 “O Church, Arise” O CHURCH, ARISE
Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Ephesians 6:11

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Mark 7:24-37
(page 843 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON *The Wide Reach of God’s Grace* Dr. Stephen Um

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “O Zion, Haste” arr. Craig Courtney
Words: Mary Thomson / Music: James Walch, arr. Courtney / Acts 13:32

Choir:
Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach
The Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

✦*Congregation joins:*
**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior’s dying,
Or of the life He died for them to win.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Susan Enger, Yiming Zhang; trumpet;
Greg Luscombe, Nathan DuVall, trombone;
Caroline Kinsey, horn; Stan Head, percussion*

Dr. Stephen Um

Dr. Stephen Um is the Senior Minister of Citylife Presbyterian Church in Boston. He serves as a Council member with The Gospel Coalition, Associate Director of Training for Redeemer City to City Asia/ Australia, and an adjunct professor in New Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

For the past 28 years, Stephen and his wife have been involved in several Presbyterian churches throughout the northeastern part of the country. He is the author of *The Kingdom of God, Why Cities Matter*, the commentary on I Corinthians from the "Preaching the Word" series, and *Micah for You*.

Dr. Um teaches throughout Asia with City to City Asia, equipping pastors to preach and teach the Word of God effectively. He also helped launch TGC Korea. He and his wife Kathleen have three adult children.

Sunday Night Worship

This evening at 6:00, we will conclude our World Missions Conference in the Sanctuary. We'll hear from Dr. Stephen Um and commission our short-term mission teams. We invite you to worship with us!