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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

June 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Each stanza in the opening hymn we will sing today, “Come Christians Join to Sing,” begins with an exhortation to offer loud praises to Christ our King. As we do every Lord’s Day, we will indeed sign praises to Him through many of our favorite psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. However, have you ever wondered why singing is such a prominent feature in our worship services? Ultimately we sing because it is the Lord’s will and desire to receive praise from His people. However, there are many other reasons we worship Him through song.

- Singing our Lord’s praise is a primary way that we enthrone Him in our hearts (Psalm 22:3).
- Singing serves as a means of proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In singing, we commend to others the Jesus that we know and cherish ourselves (I Corinthians 14:24-25).
- Singing enables us to savor God’s Word and makes it more memorable and vivid. The Apostle Paul admonishes us: “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” (Colossians 3:16).
- Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (e.g. Paul and Silas sing hymns in prison – Acts 16:25).
- Singing serves as a weapon when we are in the midst of spiritual conflict. Martin Luther claims that “the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.”

Let us then answer the call of Psalm 95:1 and make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation and thank our God for who He is and for all that He has done to love and rescue us!

SING PRAISES TO THE LORD OUR GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” arr. Fred Bock
Brad Jones, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 302 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 21 Elizabeth Wall

What is true faith?

**True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true
all that God has revealed to us in his Word.
At the same time it is a firm confidence
that not only to others, but also to me,
God has granted forgiveness of sins,
everlasting righteousness, and salvation,
out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits.
This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.**

♠DOXOLOGY TALLIS’ CANON

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

REST IN THE GRACE OF THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION

SONG OF CONTEMPLATION: "God Provides" Kirk Franklin

God provides, so why do I worry about my life?
When You come to my rescue a thousand times, ev'ry other voice, it is a lie.
God provides in ways I can't explain and can't deny.
The little that I have, He multiplies.
Just when I feel He won't show up on time, God provides.
He'll come through, when clouds of doubt rain down on you,
And test everything you thought you knew.
Now you finally see what God can do, for you.
So tonight, close your eyes, there's no more need to fight—
Watch God provide.

God provides, it's hard to say when there's no food to eat,
Or what you see feels all that life will be,
And will this be another year of misery for me?
But my faith, can't survive on just things I see,
And my feelings can't control my destiny.
See God, I only want what You believe for me.
So tonight, close your eyes, there's no more need to fight,
Watch God provide before your eyes, He will, whatever you need.
He'll step right in, in the nick of time — yes, He will.
He'll open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing
You won't have room to receive.
So tonight, close your eyes, there's no more need to fight—
Watch God provide.

*Ephie Johnson, soloist
Jauna Ellis, Lizzy Jorgensen, Calvin Ellis, singers*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from Your way;
we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace
manifested perfectly in the sacrifice of Your Son, O God,
we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with You,
and in whose strong name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD Mike Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Lord's My Shepherd" Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS

ABIDE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD OF LIFE

✦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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 660 "All God Beyond All Praising"THAXTED

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON. Acts 13:4-52
(page 921 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 Message of Salvation* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And
 breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
 on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was
 as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its
 pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in
 sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 grip on me; For I am His and He is
 from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop

✦Indicates congregation standing

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I. For Some Who Have Never Heard

A. Who

B. What

II. For Those Who Know It Best

A. Pursued in History

B. Pursued Now