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May 1, 2016  
*Season of Eastertide*



## A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

Corporate worship serves as a spiritual conversation between our heavenly Lord and us. James reminds us of what is supposed to happen when we gather for worship: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

Those who lead us in worship are tasked with facilitating this conversation between God and His people. This dialogical framework permeates our services: God speaks to us, and we respond to Him. Sometimes our leaders speak for God to us and, other times, they speak for us to God.

Let us prepare our hearts to meet with the One who delights to be called our friend. John Owen offers us this simple prayer to guide us: "Christ is our best friend now, and, before long, He will be our only friend... Therefore, I pray God with all my heart that I may be weary of everything else but converse and communion with Him."

## THE BEFRIENDING GRACE OF A RISEN SAVIOR

### ORGAN PRELUDE:

Processional on "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" . . . . . Michael Burkhardt  
Meditation on "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" . . . . . Christopher Pardini  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Ascribe to the Lord" . . . . . Michael Devine  
*Text from Psalm 29:2*

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness!  
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)*  
*Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

◆HYMN OF CHRIST'S WORK: No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" . . HYFRYDOL  
*stanzas 1-4*

◆FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Select verses from Luke 7 . . . . . William R. Jorgensen (8:15)  
Blanche P. Tosh (11:00)

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine,  
**and you say, 'He has a demon.'**

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking,  
**and you say, 'Look at him!**  
**A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'**  
**Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."**

"A certain moneylender had two debtors.  
One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.  
When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both.  
Now which of them will love him more?"

**Simon answered, "The one, I suppose,  
for whom he cancelled the larger debt."  
And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."**

Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon,  
"Do you see this woman?  
I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet,  
but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

**You gave me no kiss,  
but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.**

You did not anoint my head with oil,  
but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

**Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—  
for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”**

And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

**Then those who were at table with him  
began to say among themselves,  
“Who is this, who even forgives sins?”**

And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you;  
**go in peace.”**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . .HYFRYDOI

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.  
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE SAVING GRACE OF A RISEN SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Gracious Father,  
You have given us the ultimate friend in Your Son, our Savior.  
Forgive us for spurning His friendship  
for friendship with the world.  
We confess that too often a worldly spirit grips our hearts  
that makes sin seem normal and righteousness seem strange.  
Pardon us for our dishonesty, impurity, and indifference to human need.  
Have mercy upon us and forgive us  
for the sake of the One who laid down His life for His friends,  
Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CHORAL MEDITATION: “Oculi Omnium” . . . . . Charles Wood  
*Text from Psalm 145:1!*

*Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:  
Et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord;  
And Thou givest them their food in due season.  
Glory to You, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 629 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” . . .WHAT A FRIEND

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . .Gerry A. Peal

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “A City Called Heaven” . . . . .Dwight Bigle

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow. I’m tossed in this wide world alone;  
No hope in this world for tomorrow. I’m tryin’ to make heaven my home.  
Sometimes I’m tossed and driven, sometimes I don’t know where to roam,  
I’ve heard of a city called heaven. I’ve started to make it my home.  
My mother’s gone on to glory, my father’s still walkin’ in sin,  
My sisters and brothers won’t own me, ‘cause I am tryin’ to make it my home.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... STORMY BANKS



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and  
 2. No chil - ling winds or poi - sonous breath can



cast a wish - ful eye to Ca - naan's fair and  
 reach that health - ful shore; sick - ness and sor - row,



hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.  
 pain and death are felt and feared no more.

*Refrain*



I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am



bound for the prom - ised land; oh, who will come and



go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE SOVEREIGN GRACE OF A RISEN SAVIOR

♠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 21:20-25  
 (page 907 in 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 *Minding Your Own Business* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 55 "To God Be the Glory" . . . . TO GOD BE THE GLORY

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Alleluia!" . . . . . PALESTRINA



ORGAN POSTLUDE:

Toccata on "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" . . . . . Christopher Pardini

◆Indicates congregation standing

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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 Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or [todd.erickson@2pc.org](mailto:todd.erickson@2pc.org).

### Pastoral Care

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. You may also contact a member of our pastoral team directly using the information below.

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### Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight, we continue our semester-long series studying Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4:8-9). We invite you to worship with us.