ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

March 18, 2018
Season of Lent
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

One of Christians’ great distinctives is that we worship a God who is not silent, but who speaks! From the Father speaking all of creation into existence by the power of His Word, to speaking through His living Word in Christ, to speaking by His Spirit through the written Word, God has made Himself known to us so that we may know, love, and follow Him.

Our Hymn of Preparation today is “Speak, O Lord,” a contemporary hymn by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. It is often sung by God’s people as a prayer before the sermon that as the Church, we would humbly submit to His Word and that He in His grace would renew our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit. May that be our prayer as well!

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“Throughout history the Word of God has transformed the most proud leaders and the most helpless victims, the greatest civilizations and the remotest of villages, in every age to every corner of the world — so incredible is its power!”

— Keith and Kristyn Getty

ASCRIBE GLORY TO OUR KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Festive Alleluias” ............................... Dan Miller
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ............................... arr. Dan Miller

Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: “Sing to the Lord a New Song” ................. Karle Erickson

Sing to the Lord a new song,
For He has done marvelous things!

_The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)_
_Christy Young, director_

CALL TO WORSHIP .............................................. David A. Bowen

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 101 “Come, Thou Almighty King” ............... TRINITY

INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1 ........... Marjorie Bowman (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.
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.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM
8:15 a.m.
Mary Eleanor Langley, born March 7, 2017, daughter of Lizzy and Rob Langley
Davis Edgar Phillips, born August 29, 2017, son of Ivy and John Phillips
Edward Warrington Phillips, born August 29, 2017, son of Ivy and John Phillips
Emmie Rebecca Cummins, born July 5, 2017, daughter of Kacey and Kyle Cummins
Leighton Stefanie Cummins, born July 5, 2017, daughter of Kacey and Kyle Cummins

11:00 a.m.
George Manning Cousins, born June 28, 2017, son of Caroline and Mason Cousins
Denton Folk Dowdle, born June 16, 2016, son of Catherine and Clint Dowdle
McKenna Miller Dowdle, born November 2, 2017, daughter of Catherine and Clint Dowdle

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

REST IN THE COMFORT OF OUR KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and gracious God,
who knows and judges the secrets of every human heart;
we do acknowledge and confess our rebellion against You.
In Your love, You saved us for Yourself
through the blood of Your Son,
but we confess that rather than living for You
we have lived for ourselves.
We have exchanged the comfort and hope of Christ
for the comforts of the flesh and the hopes of this world.
We have turned from Your ways and from Your blessed presence
and have reaped the misery of disobeying You,
the very author of life.
We appeal to You and Your great mercy
that You would forgive us our sins.
Just as Christ was raised from the dead,
by Your glory so raise our dead hearts,
that we may walk in the newness of life.
It is in the name of Christ, we pray.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.
PRAISE

He has done marvelous things! Him Himself known to us so that we may know, love, and follow Him. Not silent, but who speaks! From the Father speaking all of creation into existence by the power of His Word, to speaking through His living Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. May that be our prayer as well!

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

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: "Speak, O Lord" . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk
CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing to the Lord a New Song"  
Karle Erickson

Sing to the Lord a new song, and our submission to His life-giving Word, and may we hold fast to Him — known to us so that we may know, love, and follow Him — the power of the Holy Spirit. May that be our prayer as well!

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Great and gracious God, who knows and judges the secrets of every human heart; we have lived for ourselves.

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Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face;

and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,

and中间有缺失，可能是一些音符或符号。

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON. ................................................  Acts 6:3-8:1
(page 914 in the pew Bible)

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The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.  (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON  The Promise: Absolute Because of the Savior  George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT:  No. 168 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”  .................... TOULON

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God”  ............... Sigfrid Karg-Elert

†Indicates congregation standing  CCLI License #252778
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I.  Fulfills (44-50)

II.  Offends (51-53)

III.  Forgives (54-60)