



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 13, 2016, 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.*

Today is Stewardship Sunday, when we heed the biblical mandate to live “as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (I Peter 4:10). Living as stewards is not natural for us because we all prefer to live as owners. However, the gospel of Jesus Christ transforms how we view and use all of our possessions.

Stewardship is much more than just how we save, spend, and give money. It is a mentality of holding with an open hand all of God’s resources: His time, His spiritual gifts, and His money. Secondly, it is a lifestyle of wisely investing those resources for His glory and for the good of others.

A key question to ask ourselves today is: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (I Corinthians 4:7b). The only right answer is *nothing*. There is nothing you have that you can properly call your own. All is received as a gift from God. Therefore, if everything you have belongs to God then you must ask: How does the Master want His resources invested to expand His work and will in this world?

Let us prepare for worship by praying for one another and ourselves:

- that we would wisely steward all of God’s resources
- that we would grow in becoming more open-hearted and open-handed in gladly investing God’s resources to serve His kingdom interests

EXALT THE LORD OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Praeludium in C Major”Dietrich Buxtehude
Samuel Metzger, Organist

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Trio Sonata in G Major”Johann Hasse
Shelly Sublett, oboe; Steve Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: “I Will Sing to Thy Name”Knut Nystedt
I will sing praise to Thy name,
O Thou most high!
*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

◆HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 “How Firm a Foundation”FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4

◆SCRIPTURE LESSON: Selections from Isaiah and Hebrews Blanche Tosh

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed,
for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you. *Isaiah 43:2***

Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have,
for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” *Hebrews 13:5*

**So we can confidently say,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?” *Hebrews 13:6***

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

EMBRACE THE GRACE OF THE LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Father whose tender mercies are over all Your works,
we humbly beseech Your forgiveness
for allowing our circumstances and emotions
to drive our decisions
rather than the powerful promises of Your Word;
for every weak and defiling thought
to which our minds have given harbor;
for every harsh and critical word spoken in haste;
and for every failure of self-control.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts
that You give us victory over these
and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2017

HYMN OF MEDITATION SLANE

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
AND OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2017

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "How Can I Keep from Singing" arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SLANE

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION T. Barton Kimbro

EXTEND THE GRACE OF THE LORD

✦ GREETINGS

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.**

EPISTLE LESSON I Peter 4:1-19
(page 1016 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 *Clear-Minded and Self-Controlled* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ SENDING HYMN: No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" SLANE

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778