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ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2018 · 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today is Commitment 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 grace transforms would-be owners into stewards and sparing hearts into generous hearts.

Giving has served as a part of worship throughout biblical history because our money reveals where our heart’s treasure really lies. Abel willingly gave his offering in worship (Genesis 4:3). Offering sacrifices was a major part of Old Testament worship (Leviticus 1-5). King David declared, “I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing” (II Samuel 24:24). The Apostle Paul reminds us that our giving is “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18).

Our hymn of the month for November is “O God Beyond All Praising.” Verse one says “We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.”

Friends, in light of the beauty, glory, and love of God, let us make a joyful sacrifice of praise!

PRAISE OUR GREAT AND MIGHTY KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: “The Peace May Be Exchanged” Dan Locklair
“Andante larghetto et staccato” G.F. Handel; Dupré
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4 & 6

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 43:2; Hebrews 13:5-6 Don Batchelor

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.**

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.**

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.”

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

✦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.**

RECEIVE FROM HIM HIS GRACIOUS PARDON

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
 who by Your Son has given us access to Your throne of grace,
 and who has made wondrous promises to us of things eternal,
 we rightly owe You our total, unqualified devotion and obedience.
 Yet we have foolishly and willfully strayed like lost sheep
 by evil things we have done and by good things we have left undone.
 We deserve nothing but Your wrath and displeasure,
 but, because of Your fatherly love,
 we are bold to ask for Your complete forgiveness
 of all the sins we have committed.
 Grant to us the certain knowledge of our full pardon.
 and move us to constant, grateful obedience
 that Your wonderful Name may be glorified, now and forever.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Ephesians 1:7-8

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
 according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight*

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

MUSICAL MEDITATION: "Take My Life and Let It Be".....HENDON

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD AND OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2019

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising"arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
 And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
 For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:
 We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
 We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
 For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:
 For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
 And we through Him are given the final victory.
 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
 That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
 And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
 To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
 And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*The Chancel Choir
 Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGGerry Peak

✦GREETINGS

IMITATE HIM IN HIS GENEROUS GRACE

✦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: "Be Thou My Vision" . . Traditional Irish, Ascend the Hill

**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 great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

*O God, be my everything, be my delight.
Be, Jesus, my glory, my soul's satisfied.
O God, be my everything, be my delight.
Be, Jesus, my glory, my soul's satisfied.*

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

*Mary Grace Walters, leader
Will Cranford, guitar*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 21:1-26
(page 930 in the pew Bible)

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

SERMON *How to Listen to Friends: Part 1* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" HENDON

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "The People Respond - Amen!" Dan Locklair

✦Indicates congregation standing

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I. Ignoring Them (*Acts 21:1-16*)

A. When (*vv. 1-11*)

B. How (*vv. 12-16*)

II. Submitting to Them (*Acts 21:17-26*)

A. When (*vv. 17-23*)

B. How (*vv. 24-26*)