



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 21, 2014



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Our service this morning opens with a hymn that invites us to sing loud praise to God. Our Psalter reading calls us to sing joyfully to our Lord. Our anthem poses the rhetorical question: How can I keep from singing?

Why should we heed this call to sing? Singing delights our God. He repeatedly calls us to sing and make music. Singing also stirs us to trust God in the midst of trouble (Paul and Silas sang hymns in prison; Acts 16:25). God uses singing to make His Word more memorable and vivid for us.

Martin Luther claimed that singing God's praise makes people kinder, gentler, and more reasonable ... it affords peace and joy to our hearts. It also serves as a tool in spiritual conflict because "the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God."

The Scriptures teach us that our Lord Jesus Christ sings with us (Psalm 22:22; Zephaniah 3:17; Hebrews 2:12). If our singing Savior leads us in triumphant song, how can we keep from singing?

COME JOYFULLY AND SING

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Trio Sonata in E Minor" Johann Hasse
Shelley Sublett, oboe; Long Long Kang, violin

CHORAL PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" arr. Evelyn Larter

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Agonizing in the garden, lo! your Master prostrate lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him, hear Him cry before He dies.
"It is finished," "It is finished," will not this suffice?

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms
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*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

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

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 95 Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)
Jay L. Cofield (11:00)

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

**when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."

**Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MADRID

**Come, let us worship Him, Alleluia! Amen.
Praise Him in one accord, Alleluia! Amen.
In presence of our God, we bow to Him our Lord.
Sing we forevermore, Alleluia! Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15:

William Morgan Quinn, Jr., born March 7, 2014, son of Emily and Billy Quinn

11:00:

Henry Caldwell Walker, born April 30, 2014, son of May and Patrick Walker

Amelie Ruth Pool, born February 15, 2012, daughter of Kristi and Rob Pool

William Walker Pool, born January 21, 2014, son of Kristi and Rob Pool

Paul Jenkins Taylor, born October 8, 2012, son of Kate and Phillip Taylor

Lillian Gail Taylor, born April 9, 2014, daughter of Kate and Phillip Taylor

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord
Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance
upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you
will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you
will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and
admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian
nurture of their child?

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.**

COME HUMBLY AND CONFESS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come in humble boldness to You, our great God.
For You are our King, Maker, Shepherd, and Lord.
You are worthy of complete trust and full devotion.
Yet we confess that we are prone to discontentment.
Forgive us for doubting Your care and provision
by grumbling and complaining against You and others.
Pardon us for receiving Your blessings with thankless hearts.
Awaken us to joyful obedience
as we remember that the rod of judgment for our rebellion
came down forcefully on the Rock of our salvation,
our Lord Jesus Christ! We make our prayer in His strong name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" SPARROW



Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the sha-dows come?



Why should my heart be lone-ly And long for heav'n and home



When Je - sus is my por-tion? My con-stant Friend is He:



His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.

Chorus



His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free;



For His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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 the 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 heav'n 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 arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in end-less song A-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tions.
I hear the real, though far off hymn That hails a new cre-a-tion.
Through all the tu-mult and the strife I hear its mu-sic ring-ing.
It sounds an e-cho in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION T. Barton Kimbro

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

COME DEVOTEDLY AND FOLLOW

PRAYER FOR SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWS

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.**

GOSPEL LESSONJohn 1:35-42
(page 886 in the church 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 *Real Discipleship* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 600 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" . . HE LEADETH ME

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Finale" from *Royal Fireworks Music*.G.F. Handel

✦Indicates congregation standing

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