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**CITYSERVE 2016**

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**CITYSERVE SUNDAY**

September 25, 2016



# WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,  
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We are delighted that you have joined us for our  
CityServe worship celebration this morning.  
Please use the following prayer to prepare your heart for worship:

*Lord of our city,  
how prone we are to trust people in high places, like politicians and presidents,  
but they offer no salvation and cannot bring the lasting peace and justice we so crave.  
For they are mortal and they, like us, will die.  
Therefore, prove to us how powerful and trustworthy You are.  
In the past, You made the heavens and the earth.  
You made the seas and all that is in them.  
In the present, You keep Your promises to execute justice for the oppressed,  
to provide food to those who are hungry,  
to set the captives free, to open blind eyes,  
and to lift up those who are humbled and bowed down.  
You guard the immigrants in our midst.  
You uphold the widows and the orphans.  
In the future, You will reign forever. Come and reign in our city;  
come and reign in us as we draw near to sing Your praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(based on Psalm 146)

## ELEVATE OUR REDEEMER'S PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Tell Out My Soul" . . . . . Denis Bédard  
*Samuel Metzger, Organist*

BRASS PRELUDE: "Variations on AUSTRIAN HYMN" . . . . . arr. Kenneth Kosche

CHORAL INTROIT: "This Is the Day of Rejoicing" . . . . . Allen Pote

This is a day of rejoicing.  
This is a day when songs are raised.  
This is a day of thanksgiving.  
This is a glorious day to offer praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Amen!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Joshua D. Yates

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" . . . . . AZMON

♣PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4 . . . . . Marshall A. Clark (8:15)  
*Chairman of Church Planting Committee*  
Roy C. West (11:00)  
*Chairman of Mission Memphis Committee*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;

**he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;

**to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—**

to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;

**that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.**

They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;

**they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . AZMON

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

## ENJOY OUR REDEEMER'S PEACE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father,  
You sent Your Son, the suffering servant, to serve and save us.

**Yet we have fallen short of Your call  
to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.**

You asked for our hands that You might use them to serve Your city.

**We gave them for a moment  
then withdrew them, for the work was hard.**

You asked for our mouths to speak of the beauty of our Savior.

**We blushed to speak His name  
because we did not want to experience rejection.**

You asked for our eyes  
to see the spiritually and physically impoverished people of our city.

**We closed them, for we did not want to be troubled.**

You asked for our lives that You might work through us.

**We gave a small part  
so that we might not get too involved and be labeled a fanatic.**

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve You—

**only when it is convenient to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe and easy.  
Cleanse our hearts and send us out as useful vessels  
prepared for every good work.**

**For we pray in Jesus' name, who alone is the Lord of our city. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

*Ephie Ballard-Johnson, Soloist:*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wistful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.

*Congregation Joins:*

**O'er all those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.**

**I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.**

**No chilling winds or poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.**

**I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Let Peace Then Still the Strife" . . . . . Mack Wilberg

Let peace then still the strife,  
The loneliness and grief,  
Come heal the piercing silence of passing.  
And sweet familiar strains,  
The voices lost in death,  
Arise in songs of hope everlasting.  
Then let the voices roll,  
As waves upon the sea;  
Come forth and break upon us, refreshing.

And barren coves be filled—  
O'erflow with reverie!  
Let mem'ry salve as Gilead's caressing.  
And though the balm be spread,  
Let tender rifts remain  
That breaking hearts not yield to forgetting.  
For hearts rent wide at death,  
Unfolded to our dead,  
Hear singing from beyond sunlight's setting.

Then sing, beloved ones,  
Reach o'er the summer sea.  
Pour forth thy boundless love for us living!  
Sweep into ev'ry soul,  
Make music of our tears,  
Turn all our songs to joy and thanksgiving!  
And when we silent pass,  
From far across the sea  
Let praises ring for life's wond'rous blessing.

Then sing ye living souls!  
Sing generations past,  
Swell high the tide of life, us refreshing!  
Sing forth as with one voice,  
Bear silent grief away,  
Resound with peace and hope everlasting!  
And all who wait and sing,  
Sing on from earth and heav'n  
And make our crossing forth joyful passing!  
Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE .....STORMY BANKS

**When I shall reach that happy place,  
I'll be forever blest,  
For I shall see my Father's face,  
And in his bosom rest.**

**I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

ENGAGE OUR REDEEMER'S MISSION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Grace Knight  
*Co-Chair of 2016 CityServe Planning Team*

A WORD ON CITYSERVE..... Edward J. Foster  
*Director of Domestic Missions*

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.**

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 146 .....Blake L. Lam (8:15)  
*(page 525 in the pew Bible) Member of Mission Memphis Committee*  
Edwin E. Wallis III (11:00)  
*Member of Mission Memphis Committee*

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 *Hallelujah in Memphis!* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT



1. Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our great  
2. Hap - py are the ones pro - fes - sing Ja - cob's God  
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn -  
4. Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our great



Re - dee-mer praise. I will sing the glor - ious prais - es  
to be their aid. They are blest whose hope of bles - sing  
ing pris - oner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,  
Re - dee-mer praise. I will sing the glo - rious prais - es



of my God through all my days. Put no con - fi - dence in  
on the LORD their God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the LORD cre -  
makes the sight - less eyes to see. God our Sav - ior loves the  
of my God through all my days. O - ver all God reigns for -



prin - ces nor on hu - man help de - pend. They shall die, to  
at - ed seas and all that they con - tain. He de - li - vers  
right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends, helps the or - phan  
ev - er; through all a - ges he is King. Un - to him, your



dust re - turn - ing; all their thoughts and plans shall end.  
from op - pres - sion; right - eous - ness he will main - tain.  
and the wi - dow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Allegro vivace assai" from *Sonata No. 1* . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn

♠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).

## Sunday Night Worship - CityServe

We invite you to worship with us this evening as we wrap up our CityServe weekend with Richard Rieves, pastor of Downtown Church, preaching. We will also recognize and pray for our ministry partners during the service and honor them at a reception following.