



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

“If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all,” said Peter Bohler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of our Hymn of Praise, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.” One of the 6,000 hymns written by Wesley, this hymn was particularly special for Wesley as it commemorated the first anniversary of his conversion.

When Wesley was converted, he had been ill in bed for some time, and the fear of death had often come into his mind. On Sunday, May 21, 1738, his brother and some friends came in and sang a hymn. After they went out, he prayed alone and journaled for some time. Below is an excerpt of that journal entry found in *One Hundred and One Hymn Stories* by Carl Price:

I was composing myself to sleep in quietness and peace when I heard one come in and say, ‘In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, arise, and believe, and thou shalt be healed of all thine infirmities.’ The words struck me to the heart. I lay musing and trembling. With a strange palpitation of heart, I said, yet feared to say, ‘I believe, I believe!’

These memories are weaved throughout the hymn, particularly in verse three, to declare Christ’s power and victory in his own life. This hymn has since become one of our favorite hymns of praise as well. As we reflect on the power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices as one church to glorify the One who “bids our sorrows cease.”

PRAISE OUR GRACIOUS GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Festive Trumpet Tune” David German
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: “Amazing Grace” Duane Funderburk
Brad Jones, piano
Samuel Metzger, conductor

CHORAL INTROIT: “Alleluia! Praise the Everlasting King!” Duane Funderburk
Words: Henry Lyte / Music: John Goss; arr. Funderburk / Psalm 103
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

CALL TO WORSHIP David Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON
Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Carl Gläser; arr. Mason / Acts 3:8

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-20 Amanda Coop (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

**For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.

**And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" . . . DIADEMATA

Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: George Elvey / Revelation 19:12

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'n'ly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity.**

TURN TO OUR GRACIOUS GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that our lives are marked more by fear than by hope.
Forgive us for failing to live
in the confident assurance of Jesus' resurrection.
Trials and difficulties have caused us
to doubt Your goodness, power, and care.
Yet, You are with us in every storm,
and Your voice still commands the winds and waves.
Accept our repentance, Lord,
and strengthen our capacity to trust You,
for we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

But God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

Words: F.S. Pierpoint / Music: John Rutter / Hebrews 13:15

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and veil and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.

♣ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

♣ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Barton Kimbro

♣ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

WALK IN THE FREEDOM OF OUR GRACIOUS GOD

♣ 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: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" . . Sandra McCracken

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken / Isaiah 43

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.*

**We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood,
Upheld, protected, gathered up.
In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid;
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 9:1-7
(page 51 in the pew Bible)

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

SERMON *The Investigation* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣ HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
No. 66 "God Is Known Among His People" LAUDA ANIMA

Music: John Goss / Psalm 76

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "O God, Our Help in Aged Past" . . . Frederick Swann

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Kenneth Coca, cello; Stephanie Hancock, clarinet; Dee Walker and Emily Edwards, flute; Betty Eubank, viola; Aubrey Mills, James Ryan, and Steve Hancock, violin

GATHERING *On The* GROUNDS

Grab your lawn chairs, friends, and picnic baskets and head to the Poplar field this afternoon for our bi-annual Gathering on the Grounds. It will be a great night of fellowship, live music, food trucks (Memphis Mojo and El Mero Taco), and worship! The fun will start at 5:00 p.m., and worship begins at 6:00.

Getting Connected at Second

A pastor will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

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I. God Is Judge (*Exodus 9:1-3*)

II. God Is Protector (*Exodus 9:4-7*)