

“It is a wonderful thing that God should enter into gracious covenant with men. That He should make man, and be gracious to man, is easily to be conceived; but that He should strike hands with His creature, and put His august majesty under bond to him by His own promise, is marvelous.”

—Charles Spurgeon

“Covenant, the structure that God uses in His work, requires that people live in relationship if they are going to live in terms of their creation and salvation. Since all creation and all salvation are relational (covenantal), the life that grows and develops from that base and in that environment also must be relational (covenantal).”

—Eugene Peterson

“The main biblical word for this structure of relationship between a saving God and a saved people is covenant. . . . Covenant, in effect, means that humanity cannot understand life apart from a defined and revealed relationship with God. Before anything else, we are part of an arrangement — a relationship.”

—Eugene Peterson

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 15, 2001

Order for the Worship of God

July 15, 2001

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation for Worship "Sonata in F Minor: Adagio"

Johannes Brahms

Hope Sharum, *Clarinet*; Colin Howland, *Piano*

Call to Worship

Dr. Pete Deison

Minister: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.

People: **Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

People: **For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness endures to all generations.** Psalm 100

***Hymn of Adoration No. 60** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn No. 66**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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***Psalm 105.1-9, 42-45**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.** Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels, and the judgments uttered by His mouth, O seed of Abraham, His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones! **For He remembered His holy word with Abraham His servant; and He brought forth His people with joy, His chosen ones with a joyful shout.** He gave them also the lands of the nations, that they might take possession of the fruit of the peoples' labor, so that they might keep His statutes, and observe His laws. **Praise the LORD!**

God of the ages, history's Maker,
Planning our pathway, holding us fast,
Shaping in mercy all that concerns us:
Father, we praise You, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly Your children
Worship before You, trustingly bow:
Teach us to know You always among us,
Quietly sovereign—Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong Overcomer,
Princes of darkness own Your command.
What then can harm us? We are Your people,
Now and forever kept by Your hand.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,
Lord of the future, help us, we pray:
Teach us to trust You, love and obey You,
Crown You each moment Lord of today.

Public Confession

O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, be the God of Your people today! We confess that we have worshipped all too many other gods. We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values. Turn our hearts to You again! We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries. We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places. We have made idols of our occupations, our recreations, and our homes. We turn to You, and to You alone, to be our God, our only God. Give us spiritual integrity. Give us wholeness and holiness. Answer us, O Lord, answer us, that we be in truth Your people. All honor and power be to You, O Christ, forever and ever.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
John 3.16-17

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Tim Tinsley 9:30
Dr. Robert Nielson 11:00

Musical Offering

"We Are Glad"

C. Courtney

Jonathan Smith, *Director*; Paula Wissler, *Flute*; Hope Sharum, *Clarinet*
When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." We are glad, for the Lord has done great things! Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy; they that go forth weeping, bearing, shall come home with shouts of joy bringing their sheaves with them.

based on Psalm 126

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

*The Scripture Reading

Genesis 12.1-3; 17.1-8

Mr. Tom Myers 9:30
Mr. Glenn Graham 11:00

The Morning Sermon

"The Covenant Vision"

Dr. Deison

***Closing Hymn No.93** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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***Benediction**

Dr. Deison

Minister: To Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Revelation 1.5-6

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

"Symphony No. 2: Finale"

Charles-Marie Widor

Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community? Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. "Ask Me" volunteers are also available at every entrance to assist you.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of my husband, Louis Holleman, on the occasion of his birthday.

The flowers in the south foyer are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Grace Bischard Langmade and Carl Ray Long in celebration of their marriage and union in Christ.

**The Congregation stands.*

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