

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
June 29, 2003
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Third 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.

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

Preparation for Worship

Dr. William Hanson

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Our Redeemer—the LORD of Hosts is His name—is the Holy One of Israel.

People: **Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth!**

Isaiah 47.4; 12.4-5

***Hymn of Adoration No. 97** "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

KREMSER

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise No. 59** "Forever Settled in the Heavens"

DUKE STREET

***Song of Praise**

"Shout to the Lord"

Zschech

***Scripture Reading: Acts 8.1-3**

After Saul approved of Stephen's execution, there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

***A Doxology**

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ill prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Public Confession of Sin

O Righteous and Holy Sovereign, we, like Saul of Tarsus, have acted in hate toward You, although You are love itself. We have contrived to tempt You to our will, to wear out Your patience while we live in evil words and actions. We toy with diseases against Your body: greed, slander, anger, immaturity, fleshly wisdom, and a self-seeking self-centeredness. Our decisions are smoke and vapor, yet we think they control the world. We complain of the length of religious services while we attend intensely to lengthy media and spectator events. How can we dwell with Your blessing as we flitter with superficial activity, casual relationships and self-exaltation? O Lord, strike us with Your blinding light. Expose our

blindness that we may see how blind we are. Stop us in our intentioned sins. And, like Saul of Tarsus, restore us to the life of all things made new: from blindness by things seen to living by things unseen, from idol makers to God fearers, from persecution to pursuing in love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, as we confess our particular sins to You now.

Private Confession

Song of Devotion

"We Sing the Glorious Conquest"

PASSION CHORALE

We sing the glorious conquest before Damascus gate,
When Saul, the church's spoiler, came breathing threats and hate;
The rav'ning wolf rushed forward full early to the prey;
But lo! the Shepherd met him, and bound him fast today.

O glory most excelling, that smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded the zealot in his wrath!
O voice that spoke unto him the calm, reproving word!
O love that sought and held him the bondman of his Lord!

O wisdom ord'ring all things in order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever cast at the victor's feet?
What wiser master builder e'er wrought at your employ
Then he, till now so furious your building to destroy?

Grace Greater than All Our Sin

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30

The Rev. Paul Settle 11:00

Song of Solomon 8.6-7

"Set Me As a Seal"

R. Claussen

Mr. Jonathan Smith, *Director*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: He came and preached peace to those of us who were afar off and to those of us who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Ephesians 2.17-18

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.

New Member's Recognition

*The Scripture Reading

Acts 9.1-19

The Morning Sermon SMALL PHRASES/BIG MEANINGS

Dr. Ryan

"Saul, Saul"

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" Acts 9.4

*Closing Hymn No. 305

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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*Benediction

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!. AMEN!

Postlude

Dr. Hanson

Personal Prayer and Counsel

Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:7

In these difficult times everyone struggles with sometimes overwhelming concerns. Give us the privilege of praying with you in complete confidence after any Sunday morning service. Meet with Elders and other prayer leaders in the Parlor (Room 205, next to the information desk) and let us pray for your needs. Our prayer leadership earnestly desires to come alongside you in prayer.

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. Volunteers are also available at every entrance to assist you.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given by Dorothy and Russell Rembert to the glory of God and in memory of their nephew, Brandon Lowry Carrell.

*The Congregation stands.

Please join us every Sunday in Fellowship Hall following each worship service for fellowship and refreshments!