



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2009

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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

9:30/11:00

"Amazing Love! How Can It Be"

arr. Larson

Covenant Choir, High School Ensemble • Lynda Fray, *Director*
Anna Knight, *Piano*

***Hymn of Praise No. 521** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

SOLID ROCK

We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God

*"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever."*

Psalms 145.21

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Minister: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

People: A great King over all the earth.

Minister: He subdued peoples under us,

People: And nations under our feet.

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,

People: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet!

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Psalms 47

***Hymn of Adoration No. 283** *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

EBENEZER

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Jeff White 9:30

The Rev. Julian Russell 11:00

God was pleased, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, He is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to Him, from all eternity, a people to be His seed and to be by Him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself— which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God—has fully satisfied the justice of His Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to Him.

—from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

***Song of Praise**

“Jesus Is Lord”

Townend/Getty



1. Je - sus is Lord, the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion,
2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets, —
3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty, —
4. Je - sus is Lord, a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish



— re - splen - dant pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock;
— yet in His wis - dom laid a - side His crown;
— not e - ven death could crush the King of love;
— as He re - turns and ev - 'ry knee bows low;



the Son of God, the King whose glo - ry fills the hea - vens,
Je - sus the man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring
the price is paid, the chains are loosed and we're for - giv - en, —
when ev - 'ry eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry, —



— yet bids us come to taste this liv - ing bread.
— be - came a curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
— and we can run in - to the arms of God.
— the Judge of all will take His chil - dren home.

The Sacrament of Baptism 9:30

Mr. Davis

Yoshiaki Kitahara

Prayer for the Family

Mr. Doug Horn, *Elder*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Public Confession of Sin

**Thou blessed Spirit, Author of all
 grace and comfort,
Come, work repentance in my soul;
 Represent sin to me in its odious colours that
 I may hate it;
Melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God;
Show me my ruined self and the help there is
 in Him;
Teach me to behold my Creator,
 His ability to save,
 His arms outstretched,
 His heart big for me.
May I confide in His power and love,
 commit my soul to Him without reserve,
 bear His image, observe His laws,
 pursue His service,
 and be through time and eternity
 a monument to the efficacy of His grace,
 a trophy of His victory.
Make me willing to be saved in His way,
 perceiving nothing in myself, but all in Jesus:
Give me that faith which is the means of salvation,
 and the principle and medium of all godliness;
May I be saved by grace through faith,
 live by faith,
 feel the joy of faith,
 do the work of faith.
Perceiving nothing in myself, may I find in Christ
 wisdom, righteousness, sanctification,
 redemption.**

Private Confession

Words of Assurance

Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I
am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

Psalm 28.6-7

Hymn of Praise No. 100

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

NICAEA

9:30/11:00 Melody on verses 1, 2, 4 • Harmony on verse 3

We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. White 9:30
Mr. Russell 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00 “Beneath the Cross” Getty
Megan Knapp, Soprano

9:30/11:00 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” Traditional Tanzanian
Chancel Choir • Brian Piper, Percussion

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy, death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy!

“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.”

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Colossians 3.15

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.

Extending the Kingdom: Nursery

Waverly and McCord Wilson

9:30/11:00

We Hear and Respond to God’s Word

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.

*And all the people answered with one voice and said,
“All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”*

Exodus 24.3

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.² And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.³ And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"¹¹ And He answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

*"You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.*

*¹⁵For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.'*

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower:¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Morning Sermon

"Examining the Soil"

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue on page 7 ☞

*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

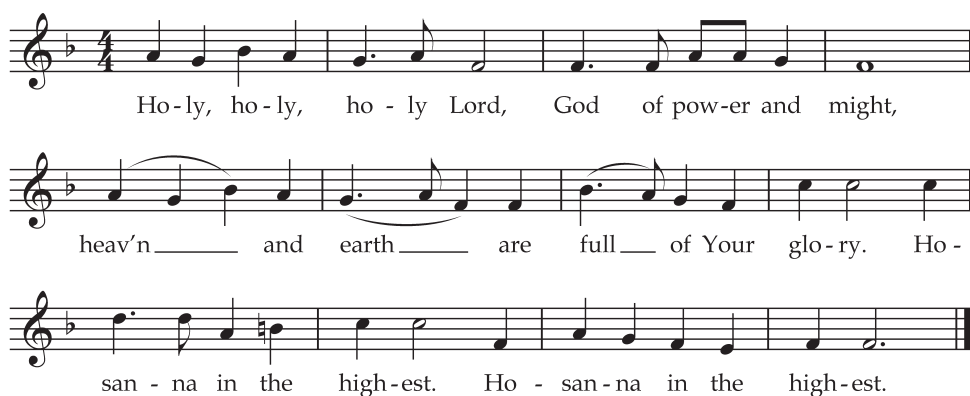
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n _____ and earth _____ are full _____ of Your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We Proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified as the Only Salvation for Sinners

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

*The Words of Institution

The Communion

Please come forward down the center aisle.

Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.

Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.

During the Serving of Communion

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Psalm 33.6-12

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue here ☞

We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

***Closing Hymn No. 585** *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

HENDON

***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

"Toccata"
J. Marty Cope, Organ

Young

**The congregation stands.*

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Personal Prayer and Counsel

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

DO YOU HAVE A PASTORAL PRAYER REQUEST?

The PCPC pastors set aside the first Monday of each month to spend the day in prayer for our church family. You may send a prayer request, which will be kept in confidence, to the pastors between now and tomorrow (*Monday*) morning by 8:00 am via email.

Please send your prayer request to: PastorsPrayer@pcpc.org

**Sunday Evening Worship Service
Tonight, May 3, 2009
6:00 pm • Oak Lawn West**

The Rev. Tim Tinsley
Exodus 14.1-14

“Turn back and face your enemy, for the LORD will fight for you.”