



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 19, 2012

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.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.20

Preparation for Worship

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!"

Psalm 150.6

Call to Worship

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Minister: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

People: **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

Minister: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

People: **You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.** from Psalm 116

*Hymn No. 4

"All Praise To God, Who Reigns Above"
Stanzas: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6

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*Prayer of Adoration

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Julian Russell 9:30
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 11:00

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

***Hymn No. 460**

“Amazing Grace!”

AMAZING GRACE

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:30/11:00

The Rev. Paul Goebel, Mr. Lafferty 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Parental Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

9:30

11:00

Ann Elise Goebel
Parker James Murray
Jack Murphy Turner

Hunt McAlister Hillman

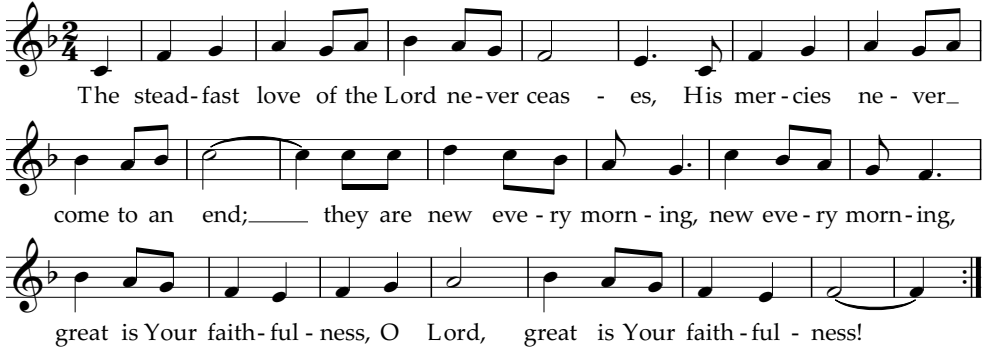
Prayer for the Families

9:30/11:00

Song of Praise

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

9:30/11:00



The stead-fast love of the Lord ne-ver ceas - es, His mer - cies ne - ver_ come to an end; ___ they are new eve - ry morn - ing, new eve - ry morn - ing, great is Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is Your faith - ful - ness!

Public Confession of Sin

O Holy Father, if Your mercy had bounds, where would be my refuge from just wrath? But Your love in Christ is without measure. Thus, I present myself to You with sins of commission and omission, against You, my Father; against You, adorable Redeemer; against You and Your strivings, O Holy Spirit; against the dictates of my conscience; against the precepts of Your Word; against my neighbors and myself. Frequently I vow to love You more fervently, yet I soon stumble, backslide, and have to confess my weakness, misery and sin. But I bless You that the finished work of Jesus needs no addition from my deeds, that His sacrifice is sufficient satisfaction for my sins. If future days be mine, help me to amend my life, to hate and abhor evil, to flee the sins I confess. O help me to set an upright example that will ever rebuke vice, allure to goodness, and evidence that lovely are the ways of Christ.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8-9

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00

Mr. Russell 9:30

Mr. Lamberth 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“Be Thou Near Me”
Colin Howland, organ

Bach

9:30/11:00

“How Great Thou Art”
Taylor Hargrave, tenor

arr. Courtney

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: We are the body of Christ; in one Spirit we were all baptized in one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

*The Scripture Reading

Joshua 2.1-21; Hebrews 11.29-31, 12.1-2

Joshua 2.1-21

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. ⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴ And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." ¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." ¹⁷ The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. ¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." ²¹ And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

Hebrews 11.29-31

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Sermon

“The Gospel According to Rahab”

Mr. Lafferty

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue at closing hymn on page 6 —

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing 8:00**

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

The Communion 8:00

*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.*

— 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. 455** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" SAGINA
Stanzas: 1, 4, and 5

***The 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 "Little Fugue in G Minor" Bach
Mr. Howland, *organ*

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Aaron Chapple Overton, on his birthday from his loving parents, Mary and George Jackson.

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

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The Rev. Julian Russell	The Rev. Paul Goebel

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David Franklin	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

Joshua 2.1-21; Hebrews 11.29-31, 12.1-2

“The Gospel According to Rahab”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of August 19, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me. from Psalm 116

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2.1-21; Hebrews 11.29-31, 12.1-2 *(one person may read the Scripture aloud)*

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. What are you like when you’re really tired and you just want to rest—giggly, grumpy, or goofy?
2. Why was the Promised Land so important to Israel? *(see Joshua 1.13-15)*
3. What does Rahab do to help the spies? What do the spies learn about Jericho and its people from Rahab?
4. How does Rahab show faith? Why would she be remembered for her faith?

Questions for older children

1. What’s interesting about including Rahab in the account of how Israel entered the Promised Land? Why would she be a surprising person to be an example of faith?
2. What do all believers in Christ have in common with Rahab? *(see Romans 5.8, Ephesians 2.1-2)* Hint: think about God’s grace.
3. In what way right now might God be calling you to exercise some courageous faith as Rahab did?

Scripture Memory for August: *(memorize these verses of Scripture)*

Ephesians 2.8-10:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Prayer

Prayer *(saying together)*

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.