



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 26, 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 "O God beyond All Praising"
9:30/11:00 Stephen Nielson, *piano*

THAXTED
arr. Nielson

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: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People: **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

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.**

Psalm 116.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

The Rev. Bill Lamberth 8:00
The Rev. Julian Russell 9:30
The Rev. Tommy Overton 11:00

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ...And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2.13, 17-22

***Hymn No. 345**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Public Confession of Sin

O Lord, I come to You out of my great need. You have pledged Your word that whoever comes to You shall in no wise be cast out. I dare to pray that something will happen to me in Your presence; Lord, I know I need to be changed. Shame fills my heart as I remember the aspirations that I have breathed before You, the vows I made, the resolves that were born. Lord, I confess before You that I have had promptings from You which I did not translate into action. I have made decisions without consulting You, then have blamed You when things went wrong. I have said that I trusted You, yet have not turned my affairs over to You. I have been greedy for present delights and pleasures, unwilling to wait for those joys which come from Your hand. These, Lord Jesus, are sins, grievous in Your sight, grievous even in mine. And now I claim Your promise to change me. Do for me what I cannot do for myself. Cleanse my heart, create within me new attitudes and new ideas, as only You can create them.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper! You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever! *Psalm 30.10-12*

Hymn of Assurance

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

9:30/11:00

Stanza 1, Brian Piper, *solo* • Stanzas 2-4, *All*



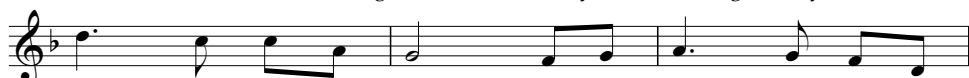
1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou
2. O how great Thy lov - ing - kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for



art; I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy
sea! O how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished
art, and Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is -
Thee; rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark



lov - ing heart. Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, as Thy
all _____ on me! Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what
fies _____ my heart; sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup -
shad - dows flee. Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine



beau - ty fills my soul, for by Thy trans - form - ing
wealth of grace is Thine, know Thy cer - tain - ty of
plies its ev - 'ry need, com - pass - eth me round with
of my Fa - ther's face, keep me ev - er trust - ing,



pow - er, Thou hast made _____ me whole.
prom - ise and have made _____ it mine.
bless - ings: Thine is love _____ in - deed.
rest - ing, fill me with _____ Thy grace.

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Lamberth 8:00

Mr. Russell 9:30

Mr. Overton 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

“If You Search Me with All Your Heart”
Beth McDow, *soprano*

Courtney

9:30/11:00

“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”
Jeff Berta, *bass* • Stephen Nielson, *piano*

Thiman

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in 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

***The Scripture Reading**

Ruth 1.1-21; 1 Peter 5.5b-7

Ruth 1.1-21

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited His people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

1 Peter 5.5b-7

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

The Sermon

"The Gospel According to Ruth"

Mr. Lafferty

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

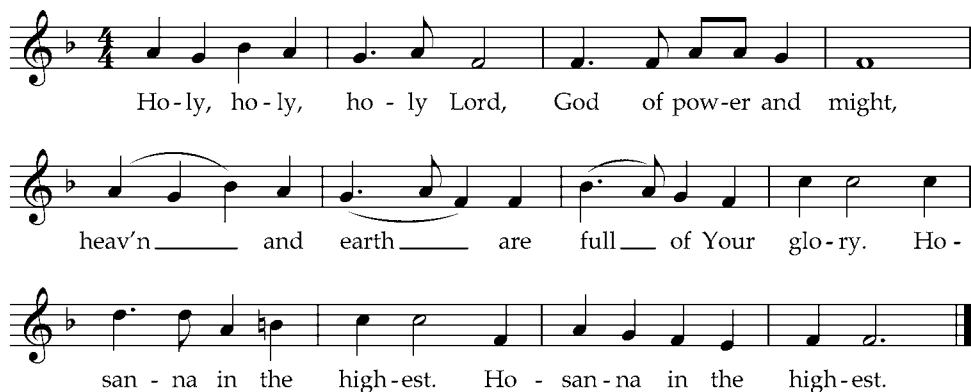
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.*

*During the serving of Communion,
you may use the following Scripture for private meditation.*

Psalm 95.1-5

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

— 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. 196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *HYFRYDOL*

***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

"Trumpet Tune"
Colin Howland, *organ*

David German

**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.

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.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastor

Tommy Bain	Will Francis	Rick Owens
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The Rev. Julian Russell	The Rev. Paul Goebel

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Jeff Barber

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*(Elders not currently on the Session but
active in ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church)*

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Paul Flowers	Robert Mighell	Arthur Wood
David Franklin	Pat Moore	

SERMON NOTES

Ruth 1.1-21; 1 Peter 5.5b-7

“The Gospel According to Ruth”

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of August 26, 2012

Praise

Call to Worship *(everyone together)*

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting” *(read or sing these words together)*

Please refer to the hymn on page three.

Hearing and Learning God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1.1-21; 1 Peter 5.5b-7 *(one person may read the Scripture aloud)*

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

1. When’s the last time you’ve REALLY been hungry. What was it like? How did you feel—besides hungry?
2. What are all the reasons Naomi is so sad—in her words, “bitter”? (Ask your parents what it means to be bitter.)
3. What is Ruth promising in 1.16,17? Why is that so amazing?
4. Read the rest of Ruth. How does Naomi’s sadness turn to joy? Does the Lord do it all mysteriously, through people, or both?
5. How do we become a way the Lord shows His kindness to others?

Questions for older children

1. Why does the author of Ruth mention that she is from Moab so often?
2. How do Boaz and Ruth contribute to restoring Naomi’s joy?
3. How is what Jesus does for us like Boaz’s and Ruth’s actions; and how is His work even greater than theirs?
4. Why do you think Matthew chooses to include Ruth in his long genealogy of Jesus?

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.